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JAPAN EXPECTS SOUTH CHINA INVASION

Imperial Conference Will Decide To-day

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Details of the future Japanese policy in China have not been revealed, while plans were yesterday completed for convening an Imperial conference at 2 p.m. to-day.

In Tokyo it is believed that serious matters are to be discussed. Some are convinced that the conference will deal with peace terms to be offered to China: others are certain that Japan plans to sweep South China and to capture the Canton area, virtually isolating Hongkong. There are many other surmises, but positive information is lacking.

The Imperial conference is the fifth of its kind in the history of Japan. The first two were held during the Sino-Japanese war of 1894, the third during the Russo-Japanese war, and the fourth in 1914, when Japan declared war on Germany. The conference is expected to act speedily with regard to the various problems, and to announce its decisions immediately. Meanwhile apparently every Government department is expected to be in readiness. According to one prominent opinion the conference will decide to indulge in relentless warfare in the event of China failing completely to accept the Japanese terms, with the intention of continuing the hostilities until the Nanking faction is out of the picture and the Peking Government recognised and supported, financially and otherwise.

The conference will be a solemn affair, at which the Emperor will preside personally.—United Press.

Peace Talks Rumour

Tokyo, Jan. 11.
Peace talk rumours have been revived by the German Ambassador, Herr von Dirksen, calling on Mr. Hirota, for what is described as an important conversation. Meanwhile, it is understood the Cabinet is contemplating the recall of Mr. Shigeru Kawagoe, the Japanese Ambassador from Shanghai in conformity with its policy to exterminate the anti-Japanese regime. An Imperial conference has been convened for to-day to be attended by the Emperor for the first time during the present Emperor's reign.—Reuter.

Aim of Conference

Tokyo, Jan. 11.
The Premier, Prince Koyasu, obtained the Emperor's sanction for the opening of the very important Imperial conference in the presence of the Emperor at the Imperial Palace yesterday afternoon. The conference is "designed to carry out the Government's Chinese policies to meet the new situation."—Reuter.

CHINESE GAINS IN SHANTUNG

Defeat Japanese: Push Towards Yenchow

Haichow, Jan. 11.
After defeating the Japanese troops which attacked Taining, the Chinese forces on the left bank of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung are reported to be pushing vigorously toward Yenchow and Ningyang in a counter-offensive. Simultaneously the Chinese units on the Tientsin-Pukow line, as stated by fresh reinforcements, are advancing on Tsowhsien and Yenchow. Chinese military observers place high hopes in these two Chinese columns composed of crack troops. They have a good chance of halting the Japanese advance in Shantung. Military advisers just received here state that Enhsien were both recaptured by the Chinese mobile units operating in that area.—Central News.

HONGKONG MAY BE MENACED

German Newspaper Says Britain Armed Too Late

Berlin, Jan. 11.

The Japanese occupation of Tsingtao has made a deep impression in Berlin, particularly in view of the fact that the seaport was once a German colonial possession.

Political circles are wondering whether this occupation will be a prelude to far-reaching and decisive activity of the Japanese fleet, which may involve a menace to Hongkong. The newspaper Angriff says: "Will the British watch with folded arms the loss of the tremendously important region around Hongkong? That is the most critical question in international politics to-day."

"Great Britain's re-armament came too late, America's has come still later," this newspaper asserts.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT'S SON DIES IN AIR CRASH

URUGUAY TRAGEDY

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10.

Eduardo Justo, aged 27, youngest son of the President of Argentina, was among seven persons killed in an air crash during a storm over Uruguay.

The rest of the dead were army officers, including the Chief of the Military and Household and the President's A.D.C. The party was returning from a meeting between the Presidents of Brazil and Argentina. The plane caught on fire after the crash.—Reuter.

HUNTING FIELD DEATH OF SPORTING PEER

London, Jan. 10.

The 83-year-old Marquis of Abergavenny, Lord Henry Nevill, was killed whilst out hunting to-day near Groombridge, Sussex.

He was participating in the Children's Hunt at the famous Ridge Hunt, when his horse caught a foot in a strand of wire and threw the Marquis heavily on his head, breaking his neck. The Marquis had been married three times, and he leaves no son, the title going to Major Guy Temple Montacute Lanarch-Nevill, his nephew.—Reuter.

TSINGTAO OCCUPIED WITHOUT STRUGGLE

Germans Inform Japanese City Not Defended

Tsingtao, Jan. 11.

When the Japanese took over Tsingtao yesterday, they were met by a German delegation comprising Herr W. Ohlwein, Herr P. Hess and Herr F. Naverl, who encountered the Japanese marines about 400 strong 15 miles from the city. They informed the Japanese that Tsingtao was not defended and escorted them to the city.

Immediately on entering the Japanese marines posted patrols while the Japanese Consul, Mr. Otake, waited on board a Japanese warship until arrangements had been completed for him to go ashore and to take up his post.

The first Japanese officer to arrive in Tsingtao was Miyamoto, resident naval officer, who chatted for half an hour in the city Government building with members of the foreign volunteers. He carried a Japanese flag and soon afterwards a motor car arrived filled with Japan flags which were hoisted on various buildings throughout the city.—Reuter.

700,000 To Boycott Japan Goods

Important Decision By London Body

London, Jan. 10.

In connection with the London Co-operative Society's decision to boycott Japanese goods, it is pointed out that the Society's buyers had previously instructed not to purchase Japanese goods when alternatives were available.

The new decision rules out all Japanese purchases except those specifically authorised by the managing committee of the Society.

The London Co-operative Society, representing 700,000 members decided to cease purchasing Japanese goods as a result of representations from many quarters. It also draws attention to the fact that the Co-operative Wholesale Society, representing 8,000,000 members, is being asked to take similar action.

"We are distressed at the indiscriminate bombings of Chinese women and children, and have addressed Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Cranborne and Geneva, voicing our indignation," says the notice.—Reuter.

TRADE UNIONS UNDECIDED

London, Jan. 11.

The meeting of the leaders of the Trade Union Congress reached no definite decision regarding the question of an official embargo on Japanese goods, but it was decided to refer the attitude and views of the Labour Movement to Continental Labour and trade union leaders at a meeting in Brussels on January 15. This is a joint international meeting. It depends that everything will depend upon the attitude of the Continental labourers.—Reuter.

China To Adopt Wholesale Guerilla Tactics

LATEST STRATEGY EXPECTED TO REAP RICH REWARD

Hope To Lure Invaders Into The Interior

Hankow, Jan. 11.

A few weeks ago, or about four months after the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities, guerilla warfare tactics were popularly adopted by all troops in China, though they were first only employed by the former communist armies in the Shansi province. Now the general tendency is for the re-organisation of almost all the Chinese national troops and provincial troops into guerilla units.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has repeatedly announced that China is sure of eventual victory because she is ready to engage in widespread guerilla warfare with the Japanese when the invaders have been dragged into the vast plains, river valley and mountain ranges of the interior.



More than 12,000 lantern-bearers, formed a huge parade in Tokyo when announcement was made of the signing of the Italo-German-Japanese anti-Comintern pact in Rome. Above, Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, centre; German Ambassador Herbert von Dirksen, right, and Italian Ambassador Giacinto Auriti, left, acknowledge cheers.

SHANGHAI RESIDENTS ASKING FOR FIRM STAND BY BRITAIN

London, Jan. 11.

Mr. A. C. Moreing, M.P., Chairman of the China Committee saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, for 20 minutes this afternoon, to whom he conveyed the representations received from British residents in China urging the Government not to yield to the various Japanese demands, and offering the opinion that with the backing of the British and American governments, the Shanghai Municipal Council was prepared to stand firm against the Japanese demands to strengthen Japanese representation on the Council.

The representations also expressed apprehension lest the Government allow temporary concessions to the Japanese.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave an interesting luncheon to-day to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the new British Ambassador to China, and Sir Hugo Knatchbull-Hugessen, the former British Ambassador to China, who was wounded by Japanese machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

Must Make Distinction

London, Jan. 11.
In connection with the Japanese demands for more representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council and other concessions, well-informed quarters in London feel it is necessary to make a distinction between such temporary measures as may be needed and any changes of a more general character which cannot be considered hastily, and must only be considered through normal procedure. Thus, though it may be possible the Council will go some way in meeting the Japanese desires, the measures will be temporary. It must be understood that they are only temporary. In other words the Council is limited in action to the immediate concern of maintaining law and order without prejudicing the rights of the interested powers.—Reuter.

CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

London, Jan. 11.
Sir Hugo Knatchbull-Hugessen, who arrived in London only a few days ago, called on the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at No. 10 Downing Street to-day. He was with the Prime Minister for twenty minutes. The new Ambassador, Sir Kerr Clark Kerr, called at No. 10 Downing Street a short time later.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Opposes War Referendum

Washington, Jan. 10.

A letter from President Franklin Roosevelt warning Congress that the proposed war referendum would "cripple any President in his conduct of our foreign relations" was read to-day to the House of Representatives.

The letter added that such an amendment would encourage others to believe they could violate American rights with impunity.—Reuter.

SPEAKER DENOUNCES REFERENDUM

Washington, Jan. 10.

The leaders of the House subsequently joined with the President in condemning the amendment, and Representative Bankhead left the Speaker's rostrum to speak against it. He said he was not willing that his colleagues should "abandon the judgment of the farmers of our Constitution and say the people were no longer willing to trust their chosen representatives or the chief executive of the United States who loves peace as much as any man in the world."

It is very seldom that Mr. Bankhead takes the floor to discuss legislative proposals.—Reuter.

SOVIET RAID ON BISHOPS

Twenty-One Arrested, Charged With Espionage

Moscow, Jan. 10.

Twenty-one bishops have been arrested since the end of November, according to the Soviet press.

The most important heads of the Russian Church, including the acting Patriarch and Metropolitan Bishop, Sergei Krutitski, and Father Vitliay, chief of the Soviets new-fangled "Living Church" are denounced in the newspaper Gorki Commune, and have probably been arrested.

The charges include organising a network of espionage and terrorist circles connected with the Fascist intelligence service.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH REWARD DIVIDED

Over 100 Persons Share \$25,000

Trenton, N.J., Jan. 10.

The Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Harold Hoffman, to-day divided the State's \$25,000 reward for the capture of the Lindbergh baby's kidnapper among over 100 persons. The largest share was \$7,500, and went to Walter Lyle, former New York petrol station operator.

It was Lyle who identified the note which led to the arrest and ultimate conviction of Richard Bruno Hauptmann, who was executed for the crime.

The second largest share, \$5,000, went to William Allen, a negro truck driver, who discovered the body of the baby.—Reuter.

NANNING RAID PROTEST

Paris, Jan. 10.

Authoritative circles have indicated that it is possible the French Government will protest to Japan with regard to the bombing of the French Catholic Mission during an air raid on Nanning.—Reuter.

Information from all fronts, at present in Shantung, Shansi, Chekiang and central Anhwei, reveals that all commanders in charge of respective fronts have been given the duty of re-organising their troops into guerilla units under the direction of the highest military command. Admiral Shen Hung-lien, Mayor of Tsingtao, voluntarily gave up Tsingtao on New Year's Eve because he was instructed to organise his bluejackets into guerilla units to meet the invaders in the Chushien-Yishui area, south-east of Shantung. General Han Fu-chu, Shantung's Governor, is busy despatching guerilla units to disturb the Japanese rear forces even north of the Yellow River, to say nothing of the Japanese rear forces in the Yenchow and Tsinling districts. Chinese troops defending central Anhwei, namely the Pengpu and Hefei areas have all been re-organised into guerilla units. Japanese vanguards both on the southern and northern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line are said (Continued on Page 12.)

STOP PRESS

BELGIAN LEAPS OFF STEAMSHIP

A Belgian mining engineer, M. Van den Eede Alois, 43, leaped to his death from the French liner D'Artagnan as the ship was nearing Hongkong yesterday. The vessel immediately heaved to and a boat was lowered. But M. Alois was dead when picked up. Report of the tragedy was made as soon as the ship docked this morning. The Belgian Consulate-General states that the funeral of M. Alois will take place to-morrow morning.

JAPANESE RAID HSUCHOW

Haichow, Jan. 11.
Six Japanese light bombers which came from outside the Lanchow Harbour raided Haichow at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The raiders dropped 49 bombs in the north-eastern suburbs. Chinese anti-aircraft guns fired at them.—Central News.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Radiant Spinsters

Spinsters are more criticised than war chiefs, and perhaps more discussed than the Far Eastern situation or the Income-tax.

Some say we are selfish because we prefer our freedom, and others, having successfully gained a husband themselves, pity us because there are not enough men to go round; and still others fear us as dangerous females, smartly dressed, with plenty of leisure, ready to give consolation to another harassed woman's husband at the slightest provocation.

But the radiant spinsters of to-day lead the world. Women who, if they have not got homes and husbands, have their jobs which often benefit huge numbers of people, and into which the richness of a personality, with time for leisure and cultural activity, can be poured.

Take a look at some of the leading spinsters of to-day.

Brown-haired Caroline Haslett started as a 10s a week apprentice in an engineering office and now earns a four-figure salary as a Director of the Electrical Association for Women, and is head of 7,000 women.

Popular Margery Fry, ex-Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, is a keen penal reformer. She was a great favourite with the students at Oxford.

The Hon. Dorothy Paget is worth several millions. Once she owned a fleet of racing cars, now she is a big racehorse owner.

And who is happier than Edith Evans, the actress? "I'm happiest doing work I love, surrounded by people I love," she said.

And then there are thousands of spinsters, not so eminent, but who, nevertheless contribute their share to modern life.

The Modern Maiden Aunts

There may no longer be maiden aunts to look after little nieces and nephews, when mother is ill or busy, but these same aunts are now living in bachelor flats, as office workers, professional or technical workers holding together the vast structure of modern industry, women who manage to get lots of kick out of life, with their theatre parties, week-end cottages, socials, and often foreign travels.

And, of course, we must not forget the bachelor woman living at home with an invalid or aged parent, and perhaps helping to keep the home going.

She may not, in fact does not, lead the glamorous life of her freer sister, but who can measure the value of the worth of her job?

No, eminent spinsters, ordinary everyday spinsters lead the world. Gone are the days when the unmarried daughter was a liability, and gone are the days when she was just tolerated. She is not only an asset, she is top of the pole! M. B.

Cooking Hints

SAVE the best leaves from celery tops and dry them in the oven until they are quite brittle. When rubbed into powder and stored in stoppered bottles, they are excellent for flavouring purposes.

When reheating a meat or fruit pie, place the dish in a greaseproof bag, for then the crust will not be hard when the pie is hot.

Instead of putting in the usual orange or banana when making a jelly, try adding a grated dessert apple just before it sets, as it is delicious served with or without cream.

When making pastry that is to be served cold, use milk instead of water, for the pastry will then keep short and crisp much longer.

To prevent pastry from rising and spoiling the appearance of custard tarts, spread butter on the pastry before putting in the custard mixture.

Sausages will not burst if fried in butter or lard. Allow the fat to become fairly hot, put in the sausages and turn them over lengthwise with a broad knife.

Fruit pies will not be spoilt by juice running out if the sugar is put in the pie-dish before the fruit instead of on top.

A cake which sticks to the tin can usually be loosened by placing the sides and bottom in a bowl of boiling water.

Candied peel, glace cherries, and preserved ginger will chop more easily if warmed slightly beforehand. Similarly, parsley will chop quite easily if first washed in cold water, placed in a small basin, and covered with boiling water for ten minutes.

Before frying onions, boil them for ten minutes and this will prevent them from burning and turning black.

When cooking fish, fill the pan with cold water containing a tablespoonful of vinegar, for this will prevent the usual odour.

Use a tablespoonful of golden syrup instead of white sugar when stewing apples, figs, or prunes, and the juice will be thicker and sweeter.

When cooking vegetables, add a small knob of butter or dripping to the boiling water as this helps them to cook quickly and brings out their full flavour, besides preventing the water boiling over.

G. G. T.

The Queen's new Overall



Drawn by ROBB

QUEEN ELIZABETH is a true housewife and takes a personal interest in the supervision of her Palace and Castle homes. She has just bought an attractive and practical overall. It is cut on the lines of an artist's smock, and slips on like a coat, being loose enough to wear comfortably over any dress or suit; a Latin Quarter bow of black ribbon fastens it at the neck, and there is one button half-way down the front. All the edges, including those of the two large pockets, are finished with green binding; the overall is made of painted linen figured, and has a gay pastoral design "after William Morris" in red, green, blue, brown and white.

Home Page Cook tells Mrs. Wimblestraw
Some home truths about
(a) herrings
(b) pheasants

YOU were hoping you would run into me, were you, Mrs. Wimblestraw?

You have succeeded beyond your wildest dreams. You nearly knocked me over.

That is what comes of trying to remember a recipe, is it? Then refrain from attempting such feats of memory outside the security of the home.

It was a recipe about herrings, was it? And it began, "Ask your fishmonger to fillet the herrings." Then forget it.

If I asked my fishmonger to fillet herrings for me, he would probably never speak to me again. Since I admire his talents as a conversationalist, I have always refrained from asking him such a silly question.

YOU can try to fillet your own herrings if you like, but I don't advise it. You know how one is apt to eat a fillet of fish without any fear of the consequences. One has a simple faith in all the bones being gone.

Now, a herring has a lot of awkward little bones, and you would probably leave some of them in it, my fumbling old Wimblestraw. You see the point, don't you? I should hate you to feel it.

If you are anxious for a change from the plainly fried and grilled, sprinkle the herrings with pepper and salt, coat them well with cat-

meal, and fry them in plenty of the best dripping.

DID you know that you can cook them without any fat at all except their own? You want a thick iron frying-pan for this. Cover the bottom with a good layer of salt, lay the herrings on this, and cook them slowly.

If you try to speed them up they will stick. Herrings cooked in this way are so delicious that many people, once they have tried it, can hardly be persuaded to revert to any other method.

You are gazing at me with a dubious eye, Mrs. Wimblestraw. It pains me, because I always tell the truth about herrings.

WHAT is that? Some one has sent you a pheasant, and can I—? Certainly, dear lady. Any day, except Friday. Oh, I am so sorry. I thought you were asking me to dine.

You merely want instructions as to how to tell whether the bird is young or old. I am extraordinarily good at telling the age of anything. Quite an embarrassing accomplishment sometimes, as you should be the first to admit, old dear.

From your description of its gay plumage you have obviously been sent a cock pheasant. The tale of its age is in its spurs. If these are short and blunt the bird is at its tenderest and in its first season. If the spurs are still short, but pointed, it is a second-season bird.

If they are not only pointed but long, I fear that the person who sent the pheasant to you is no true friend. Invite him (or her) to come and dine off it.

How long should a pheasant be hung? In this cold weather at least a week.

YOU have heard of Cumberland and rum butter, and are most anxious to try it? You would be.

Warm ½ lb. each of butter and Demerara sugar in a basin, cream them, and add three tablespoonfuls of rum and a little grated nutmeg.

Beat the mixture well together, and put into shallow glass jars. Spread it like jam on biscuits. But not too thickly, please, Mrs. Wimblestraw.

JUNIOR COLUMN

Sail a fleet on the playroom floor

I EXPECT a great many of you have made ordinary model ships, but you can have a good deal more fun by doing the thing in a large way with really small models.

This is not so absurd as it sounds, because keeping the scale or size of your models means that you can plan a whole harbour on a table-top.

If you have a playroom you can lay out a town and dockyard in one corner, and let your ships steam slowly across the great sea of floor to another port in the opposite corner. The models can be made very easily of cardboard and wood.

Surprise Dish

Cotelettes de Mouton
Chevreuil

TRY this way of treating mutton chops. Trim four chops and beat them well. Brush them over with oil on both sides, and soak them in the following marinade.

Bring half a tumbler of vinegar to the boil and add to it two or three chopped shallots, sliced carrots, two crushed cloves of garlic, six black peppercorns, and a bunch of mixed herbs, including a bayleaf.

Simmer for ten minutes, allow to cool, and sprinkle the mixture over the chops. They will keep three or four days in this, and must be kept at least two.

To cook the chops put them in boiling stock (enough just to cover them) to which you add a casserole or saucepan on top of the stove. Keep the lid on, and simmer them for thirty-four minutes. Serve with triangles of fried bread and any vegetables in season.

Chevreuil means roebuck, and the dish is named after it because the chops get a rich game taste, not unlike venison, after soaking in the marinade.

Suppose you start making the Queen Mary. Try to find a picture of her—it will be very helpful. She is going to be your largest ship, but you only need a piece of wood about half an inch thick cut to an oblong, size four inches by three-quarters of an inch.

SHAPE the bows and the stern with a penknife, and make the decks of layers of cardboard cut to a suitable size and glued on to the wood hull. Cut a small piece for the bridge, and make some tiny cardboard lifeboats. You can make the funnels of very thin wooden curtain rod, cut into lengths and stuck on to the top deck, the masts can be matches or long pins.

Then whip out your paintbox and paint the hull black, the decks white, and the funnels red with black tops. And if you are going to make a real job of it, cover the whole thing with water-colour varnish.

I hope your Queen Mary looks pretty good, because, if so, you will want to go on and make lots more ships. Make them all the same way, but, of course, make different types of craft.

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CAPTURED TOGOLAND BY BLUFF

Two Men And A White Flag: 'Gen. Togo' Talks

By JOHN RICKMAN

Twenty-three years after he planned and carried out one of the most audacious campaigns of the Great War, Lieut.-Col. Frederick Carkeet Bryant—"General Togo" to 1914 War Office chiefs—received, recently the first public tribute to his coup.

Within a few days of the outbreak of war he bluffed the Germans out of the key positions in Togoland. It was a master stroke which resulted in the fall of Kamena, then the second-biggest wireless station in the world.

The story was first told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Determined to find this man whose praises had been so tardily sung, I inquired for him near Market Harborough, where, until recently, he has ridden hard to hounds 'year after year, but it was in sportive clutches of an armchair in the Bath Club that I finally ran him to earth.

"Fog kept me here"—his words came to me through the haze of afternoon tobacco smoke. "Lucky to catch me. Let's go somewhere fresher." We did, and as we walked he told me...

"I was in Kumasi at the beginning of August 14. Both my chief and the second in command were in England, and I, a captain in the Gold Coast Frontier Force, was senior officer in their absence.

"I realised that speed was essential, so I cabled the Colonial Office that I was going to act. Togoland being a neighbour to the Gold Coast and a German possession, I knew I had to do something about it.

FORCE OF 1,000

"I gave orders at once to a Captain Barker and a Mr. Newlands, who was attached to the political branch of the Colonial Service, to go to Lome, the German port, and carrying a white flag to enter the town and tell the Germans that large forces were advancing on the town from several directions.

"They did this. There was a heated discussion during the night between the Germans, but at last they

left the town in the early hours. "When I heard that my plan had succeeded and that the Germans had even been bluffing into leaving their rifles behind, I shipped my entire force of 1,000 natives and a few French, police and white volunteers, from Accra to Lome.

"We pushed up country from Lome, scrapping all the time. I bluffed again, and our opponents vacated Kamena, thus leaving their vitally important radio station in our hands. Kamena was in nightly touch with Berlin, even in those days.

"And that," said "General Togo," "is all I can say about that. Never talk about it as a rule."

This is how Sir Reginald Hoskins, who was at the Colonial Office during the war, told the story at the Ashridge Fellowship recently.

"One day we received a code message from a young subaltern in the Cameroons, who had under his command 'two men and a boy,' announcing that he was going to take Togoland.

"While we were preparing a suitable cable to send him another cable arrived saying that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. The next morning another message arrived saying that he had attacked and that all was well.

"By this time we called him General Togo." Lord Davidson said that the young officer's telegram was, "Togoland surrendered to me 8 a.m."



PRINCESS WEDS WRESTLER.—Despite her father's threat to disinherit her, Princess Baba, youngest daughter of the British Rajah of Sarawak, in northern Borneo, was married to Bob Gregory, claimant of the European heavyweight wrestling title. Above, they leave the Marylebone registry office, London, after the ceremony. She gave her name as Valeria Brooke.

Rich Boy Finds Life As Hobo Too Tough

New York.

Alfred Knopf, junior son of a prominent and wealthy New York publisher, sat in Salt Lake City Police Station recently, his feet bare and grimy, his skirt and trousers torn.

Knopf disappeared recently. Police of eight States, urged by his parents who feared that their son might have been kidnapped, searched for him.

Late one night detectives found him at Salt Lake City, and took him to jail. Then Knopf sent a telegram to his father asking for money.

Knopf said that he had tried the life of a vagrant and hobo for a week. He found it tough.

"I hitch-hiked through half a dozen towns searching for a job.

I searched through the advertisements, and I walked for miles and miles.

"In all the seven days I slept in a bed only once. Truck drivers were the kindest people of all to me. For the most part people seemed to be a bunch of snobs.

"Why did I run out when my family's got money? I wanted to do something myself."

Knopf flew back to New York later in the day.

CHILD'S LIFE VALUED BY A POEM

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord quoted verses on life (Du Maurier 1834-1896) in the King's Bench Division recently, when awarding £1,500 damages to the father and twin sister of a child street accident victim for the loss of the normal expectation of her life.

The child, Hilda Peggy Trubyfield, aged eight, was run over in a Cheltenham street last February by a Great Western Railway Company dray. The judge quoted:

"A little work, a little play.

To keep us going—

And so, good day.

"A little warmth, a little light

Of love's bestowing—

And so, good night.

"A little fun to match the sorrow

Of each day's going—

And so, good morning."

Claims were made by the father, Thomas Charles Trubyfield, and the twin sister, Joyce Muriel Trubyfield, of Swinton Road, Cheltenham. Joyce sought damages for the shock suffered, at seeing Hilda killed.

ON THEIR WAY HOME

The children were on their way home in Swinton Road when Hilda collided with the horse and dray, which was emerging from a yard and crossing the pavement.

The railway company denied that their driver was negligent, and pleaded that there was contributory negligence on the part of the child.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord found that the only effective negligence was that of the driver of the dray.

He said the claim for the loss of the normal expectation of life presented a difficult problem. The period by which her life had been shortened was the difference between her age at death and the normal span of life of such a girl.

Everybody had a sort of general notion of the likelihood of life, and everybody was a little inclined to look on the optimistic side.

What had really to be valued was life as a whole, with all its various incidents, and apparently with certain strict restrictions.

TERRORS OF CHILD LIFE

In regard to a very young infant, the question of probability had to be taken very seriously into account, because any infant had to meet all the terrors of child life and such ailments.

What was life going to be worth to a healthy young woman as the child might have become, earning her own living with dependent parents to whom she would be discharging her duty, and with some prospects of marriage?

Stay of execution was granted, pending notice of appeal.

AROUND THE EMPIRE

AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA

Sydney. The Federal Government has decided to abandon Rabaul as the capital of the mandated territory of New Guinea.

The decision, which was announced to-day in the speech of Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General, at the opening of the new Parliament, has been taken because of the danger from volcanic eruptions.

Rabaul, the chief town of New Britain Island, was visited by a disastrous eruption in May. An expert on volcanoes, from the Dutch East Indies, has reported that the town will be always liable to a recurrence.

The future capital has not yet been definitely decided upon. It is believed, however, that it will be Salamauwa.

Attitude to Anglo-U.S. Talks.—Lord Gowrie declared, in his speech at the opening of Parliament, that the Australian Government would welcome a cordial understanding between Great Britain and the United States. Australia was prepared to play her part in the conclusion of a satisfactory understanding provided Australian interests were adequately safeguarded.

£8,000,000 Loan.—The new international public works loan of £8,000,000, the issue of which was announced by Mr. R. G. Casey, Commonwealth Treasurer, yesterday, has been well received.

Referendum in Victoria.—Mr. Dunstan, Premier of Victoria, proposes, with Socialist support, to submit the Legislative Council Reform Bill to a referendum in February or March should the Council fail to accept it.

Infantile Paralysis.—The thousandth case and the 57th death in the infantile paralysis outbreak in Victoria have just been reported. The epidemic started at the end of June. The State Government has invited Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the Australian nurse, whose method of treatment was tried by the L.C.C. in July, to visit Victoria and give her advice.

INDIA

SERIOUS SITUATION IN CANNORE

Calcutta. The labour unrest fostered in the past few months by agitators in Cannore, United Provinces, threatens to reach a crisis. The mill-owners have withdrawn recognition of the Mazdur Sabha organisation, which purports to represent the mill-workers.

During the whole of this year, the cotton mills have been in a ferment, strike following strike without any shadow of justification.

The secretary of the Mazdur Sabha and 13 other persons were to-day prohibited by the District Magistrate from publishing pamphlets or making speeches for two months.

Sir Harry Hail, the Governor of the United Provinces, is now in Cannore endeavouring to prevent an ugly situation becoming worse.

Calcutta's Vulnerability.—"I do not desire to be alarmist, but I must remind you that Calcutta, which was a safe and prosperous city in the last war, will in the next be vulnerable to enemy action," said Mr. G. P. Hogg, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, proposing the toast of the Imperial Forces, at the St. Andrew's Day dinner.

SOUTH AFRICA

'DICK WHITTINGTON' OF THE RAND

Cape Town. Mr. Charles Walters, known as the "Dick Whittington of the Rand," who has been Mayor of Johannesburg and was a City Councillor for 20 years, has died at the age of 71.

He was born in England, and arrived in Johannesburg penniless in the days of the pioneers. He started as a vegetable seller, and later became a director of the city's largest brickmaking firm.

Arrest of Natives.—The Union Commissioner of Police has issued a circular to all police officers to use less force when arresting natives.

Earl Howe's Loss.—Earl Howe, the racing motorist, who arrived in Cape Town on Friday, lost a parcel on his way to the Rand. It contained his driving licence, passport, and return steamer ticket.

Named After Lord Nuffield.—A new township at Springs on the Rand has been named after Lord Nuffield.

STATE CINEMA FOR BURMA

Calcutta. A State broadcasting station, a State cinema and a State school of fine arts are the features of the education policy of the present Government of Burma.

The policy includes a State translation bureau to create cheap, popular, and abundant Burmese literature on subjects of mass interest and importance.—Reuter.

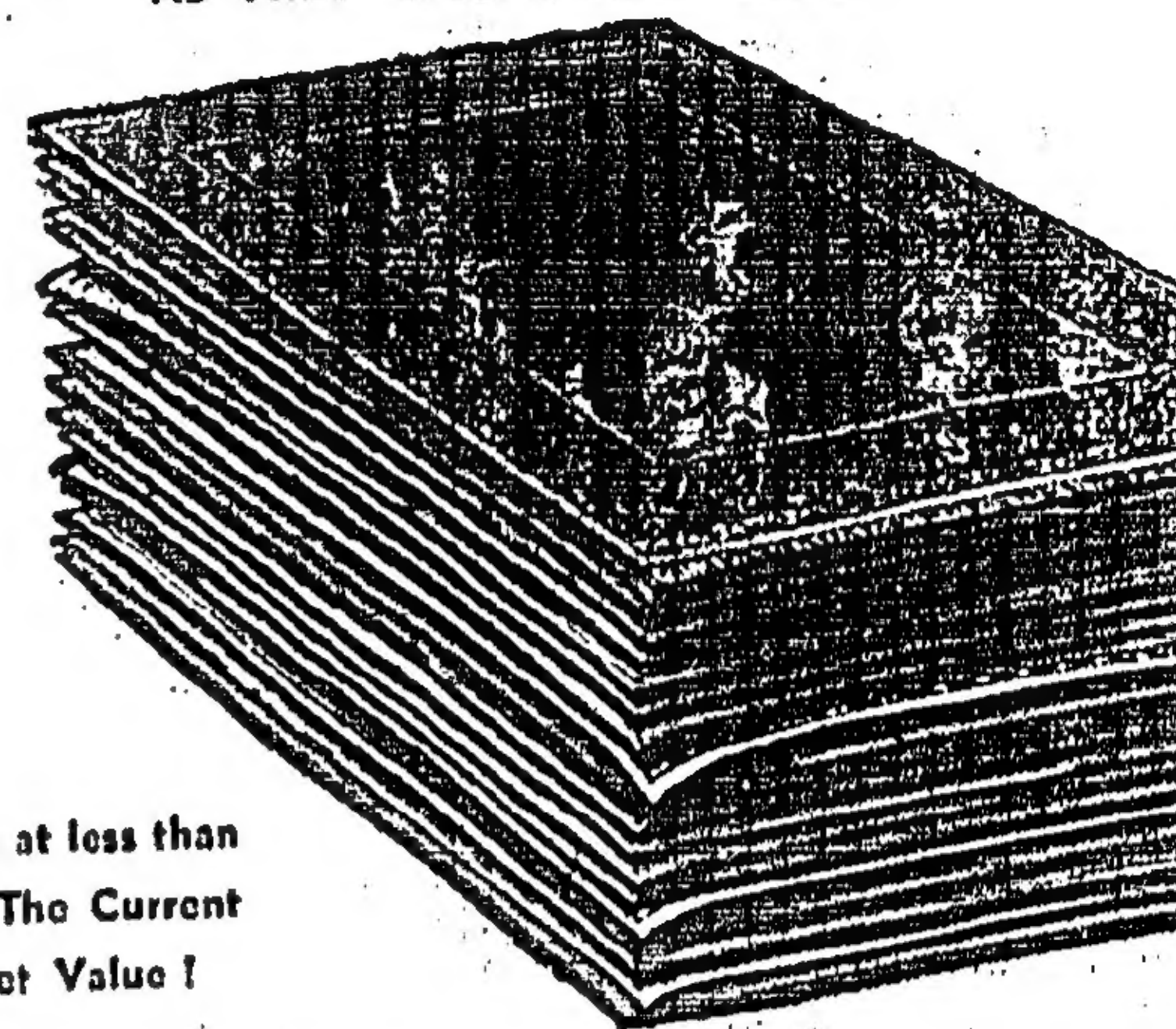
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A SPECIMEN CASE.

Case No. 1937.

This boy's mother died at his birth early in 1935. His aunt reported and the Society's Inspector repeatedly found signs of his step-mother's cruel treatment. After many warnings the case was referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in January this year and arrangements were made for the child to go to his father's sister in the country.

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GAS MASKS GIVE FULL PROTECTION

Human and Chemical Elements In Fighting Gas Attacks

RESPIRATORS DEMONSTRATED

The fact that 100 per cent protection was afforded by all wearers of gas masks provided they were properly adjusted, was brought home to a large audience by Lieut.-Cmdr. B. M. Douglas, R.N. (Retd.) yesterday in the fifth of the Air Raids Precautions lectures given at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

At the conclusion of his talk, the lecturer announced that the lecture advertised for January 31 had been put back to February 7 on account of Chinese New Year celebrations.

Col. N. M. S. Irwin, G.S.O.1., of the China Command, will give the final summarising lectures, it was stated. Those having questions to ask should take that opportunity of sending them in writing to the platform when all the lecturers will be present.

Cdr. Douglas said: I told you before that this country does not go in for collective protection against gas, the reason being that if you can make a room more or less gas-tight there may be a high explosive bomb drop outside and burst your windows, and your labours will have been in vain. We go in for individual protection instead.

Hundred per cent. protection against all war gases depends on two factors, the individual and the respirator. There will be only two types of individuals in a gas attack—the quick and the dead.

I have, I admit, told you in my last lecture that experiments at Home have proved that people in a room with doors and windows closed had seven minutes grace in which to put on their respirators, but, you must bear in mind that they were not in the open and it was not mustard or blister gas. The latter point I will explain next week.

If you smell or sense anything out of the ordinary hold your breath, face the wind, put on your respirator, the quicker better and breathe out. The reason for holding your breath is obvious, but perhaps the point of facing the wind might be explained.

Supposing you had your back to the wind when putting on your respirator you would be putting on a mask full of gas; therefore, the safest possible position is facing the wind—then by breathing out you will clear your lungs and mask of any gas that may have got in.

Trivialities That Count

A lot of these small points such as not looking up during an air raid, being still in a refuge, facing the wind, etc., seem trivial at first sight, but I hope I have made it clear to you that it is these trivialities that count. Anyone can buy a motor car, but there is a large number who cannot drive one; similarly anyone can buy a respirator or will, we hope, be able to in the near future, but without the necessary elementary knowledge and practice they will not be able to obtain full value from it.

You must remember that you have these vital spots to guard—mouth, nose and eyes—and I will demonstrate to you later how these are entered for.

The first thing to do on detecting the presence of a war gas is to pull out your respirator, then remove your hat or headgear; this again seems stupid, but I have seen trained men in a panic endeavouring to put on a respirator over a sun helmet.

Mask Fashions

I would therefore advise ladies in time of war not to wear expensive models that require a lot of adjustment, and will also venture further to advise them to keep their hair short—they cannot expect any respirator to make a good fit if they have a large "bun" at the back of their heads.

For the men, I suggest that beards be removed for the same reason—that is you cannot get a decent gas-tight fit if you have a large and heavy "beaver." Whilst on the subject of hats, I would also advise those who are liable to be caught in the open, country people as opposed to town dwellers, to invest in a tin helmet, or at least a sun helmet. Remember, everything that goes up has to come down, most of the anti-aircraft projectiles and shrapnel will go up from or near the towns and come down in the surrounding country. Going back to the original subject having removed your hat, hold your breath and face the wind—hold your respirator balanced on the two thumbs—die your chin into it and with the thumbs follow through until the pad is on the back of the head. In so doing you have protected the vital points, mouth, nose and eyes in one order. Then breathe out heavily to clear away any gas that may have got in. After that you can make yourself comfortable by running your finger around the edges of the mask and getting the elastics straight and square.

Donning Respirator

Having got your respirator on (and you will not be able to do this first shot without a certain amount of practice) all you have to do is sit still until you have reason to believe the gas has gone.

Never remove your respirator without testing for gas. This is done in a very simple fashion by putting two fingers under the side of the chin, holding the breath and sniffing. If all clear, you can then remove it by an upward movement. If gas is still present, take your fingers out and breathe out heavily once or twice. Glasses can be worn if really required in a respirator, provided the frames are of thin wire; thick spectacle rims obviously would upset the fit of the mask. People with

punctured ear drums should wear the ordinary rubber plugs as worn by bathers who suffer from "tropical ear."

That completes the individual factor of protection, and I will now go on to the respirator. As I mentioned before, there are two main types, "Service" and "Civilian duty." The latter has an offspring in the shape of a "Civilian type."

"Service" Differences

I will take the "Service" one first. It is issued to all members of the fighting services and will be issued to all civil essential services whose duties might involve those remaining and working in high concentration of gas—such as police, fire brigades, decontamination squads, ambulance men, etc. It consists essentially of a container filled with material to filter or absorb the gas, a face-piece making an air-tight joint around the face, and a flexible tube to connect the face-piece to the filter or canister. Thus you can only breathe in through the tube, and therefore through the container; therefore you are only breathing filtered air.

This container or filter is a very simple affair, consisting of a lined iron box containing layers of activated charcoal, which absorbs the gases, and several filter pads which prevent the passage of poison dust such as arsenical smokes.

This container can easily be changed should its power of absorbing gas (60 hours in a heavy concentration) be exhausted or if it becomes damaged in any way.

Anti-Dimminging Outfit

The head harness as you see consists of elastics which can be adjusted to suit the wearer. The face-piece of mask is made in three sizes, small, normal and large, one of which should fit the average man or woman. Occasionally cases occur (some Asiatic faces too) in which none of these sizes will fit efficiently owing to facial configurations. This

is dealt with by padding, using sorbo rubber in the requisite places. The eye pieces are made of triplex splinterless glass and can be removed and renewed. It is most important to keep these clear as your vision is much impaired apart from your breath condensing on them. An anti-dimming outfit is provided in each respirator harness for this purpose, which also gives full instructions as to how to use it. This dimming of the eye pieces due to condensation of breath is also to a degree counteracted by the air breathed in entering the mask almost midway between the pieces. The exhaust air goes out through a non-return valve which is so designed to augment the speech of the wearer.

For Civilians

The Civilian Duty Respirator is designed for those men and women who, having no part to play in the Air Raids Precautions organisation, will merely put them on, go to their houses or shelters and sit quiet until the attack is over.

The Service one but, as you see, being smaller, cannot be expected to stand up to a strong concentration for the same length of time as a Service one. In fact, it would not be required to.

To test the fit of these, place the palm of your hand over the inlet valve at the bottom of the container. If you can still breathe there must be some adjustment—generally around the temples—to be made. If you cannot breathe it is obvious that you have a good fit and will therefore have complete protection.

The "offspring" of this Civilian Duty Respirator I mentioned is the Civilian Type, designed for women and children, who, it is hoped, would be in their houses with doors and windows closed and all other means of gas access closed by paper and other methods which you will be told about in a subsequent lecture.

Cheaper Type

The principle and container are the same as the other, the only difference being that you exhaust through the sides of the mask as opposed to having a valve. This is merely to reduce the cost.

I have stressed the term "War Gases" as these respirators are not designed to protect against what is known as "accidental gases" such as carbon monoxide (C.O.2), the basis of which is lack of oxygen and can only be dealt with by a self-contained breathing apparatus—in other words some appliance that can provide its own air. It is no good trying to filter a gas which has no oxygen in it.

Please remember that your life may depend on the efficiency of your respirator, and therefore, treat it with respect. It should be kept in a cool dry place, take it out occasionally and wear it for a while, this helps to prevent it cracking through being folded up for a long time, and also accustoms you to wearing it. Always wipe the inside of the face-piece dry before you put it back, and it is a good thing to disinfect it from time to time.

This is very easily done by turning the face-piece inside out and wiping the whole of the inside with a rag moistened with weak disinfectant, about an egg-cupful to three pints of water. Be careful that moisture or drips do not enter the container, there should be a thin gauze, and

JAPANESE BLAME TURNER

Allegedly Insulted Mikado's Army

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Japanese reports state that the Japanese military authorities consider the incident in which A. R. Turner, a British police officer in the Shanghai force, was beaten by Japanese soldiers last Friday, as being the fault of "an individual using foul language such as would precipitate violence."

It is reported that Turner referred to the Japanese Army as a "bloody army." The reports point out that Japanese troops in a warlike mood "should not be judged from 'idealistic peacetime standards.'"

It is said that the Japanese troops crossed the boundary to investigate whether they had correctly heard Turner's remark, after which they beat Turner when they discovered he had "insulted" the Army. It is also stated that they later beat Turner again when he resisted their attempts to disarm him.

It is claimed Turner apologised for his behaviour and was escorted from Japanese territory.—United Press.

Protests Made

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Mr. Suematsu Okamoto, Japanese Consul-General, has sent a letter to the British Consul, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, saying that his two protests against the "insult" of British police have been communicated to the Japanese military and naval authorities so that the matter will receive their careful attention.—Reuter.

over this which should be renewed every time the respirator is disinfected. These can easily be improvised out of 10 to 12 thicknesses of gauze.

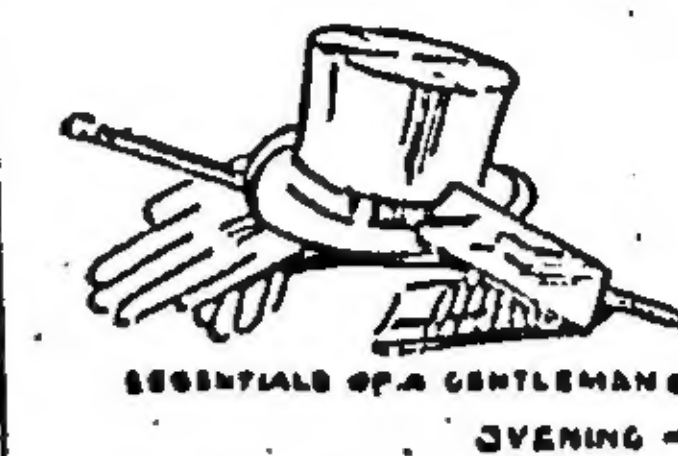
In conclusion I would like to repeat again from the opening lecture that the A.R.P. are endeavouring to make you "Air Raid Minded," but as gas is a possibility which must not be overlooked and is also a subject of which most of you are happily in ignorance, a large percentage of these lectures must be devoted to it. Please keep in your minds what you have been told about high explosive bombs, their splintering and blast effects, and also the incendiary bomb with the ensuing fire peril. Also, so far as gas is concerned, remember that these respirators, if properly worn and adjusted as I have tried to tell you to-day, will give 100 per cent. protection against any known war gas, including arsenical smokes.

Col. Irwin will sum up the whole series of lectures at the last lecture and we would like people who have queries to make to put them in writing and send them up to the stage where all the speakers will be assembled that night. It would be a great help if people would do this.

The lecture arranged for January 31 will not be given then, because it is Chinese New Year Day. That lecture will be given on February 7. This concluded the lecture and Cdr. Douglas was accorded hearty applause.

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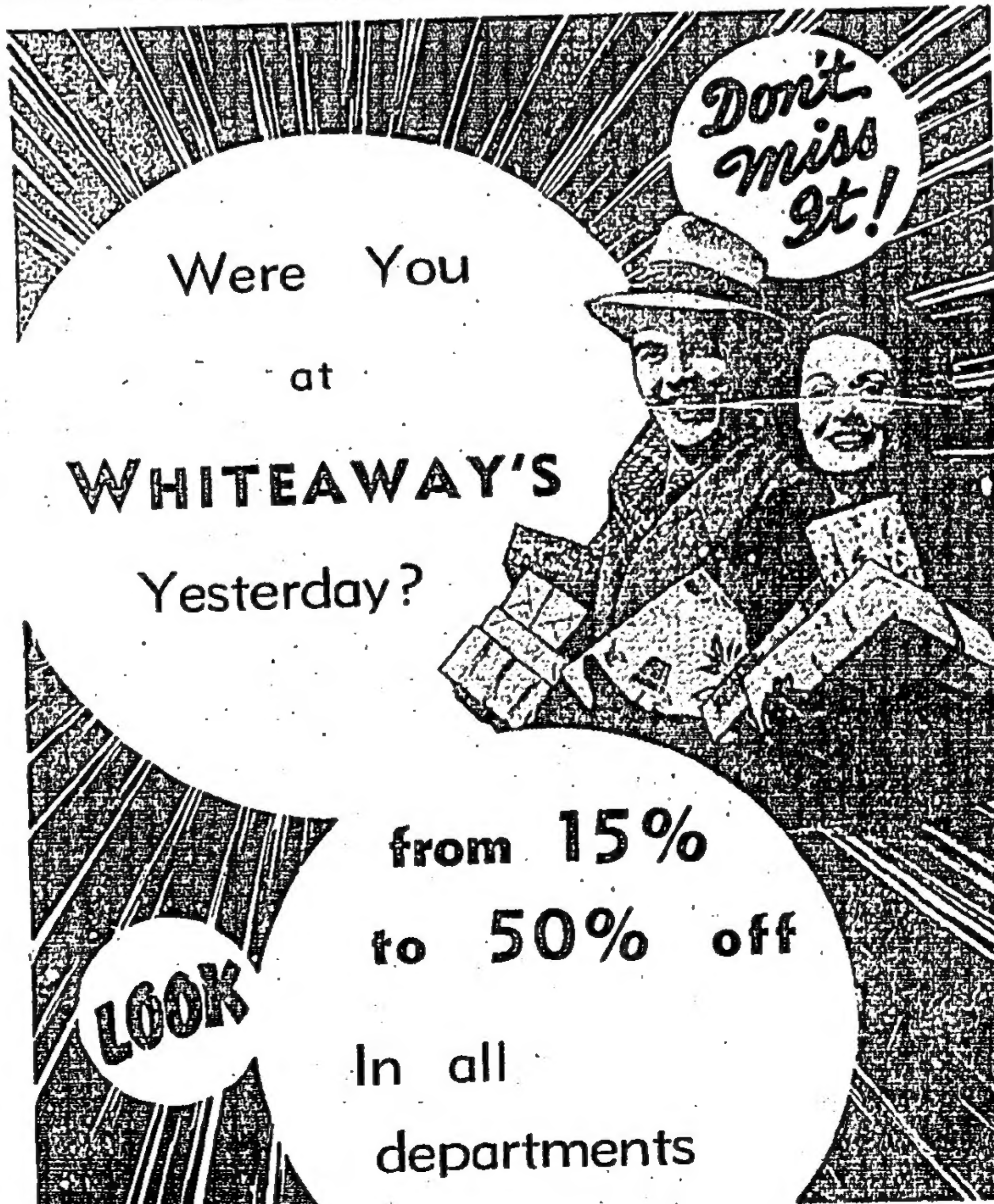
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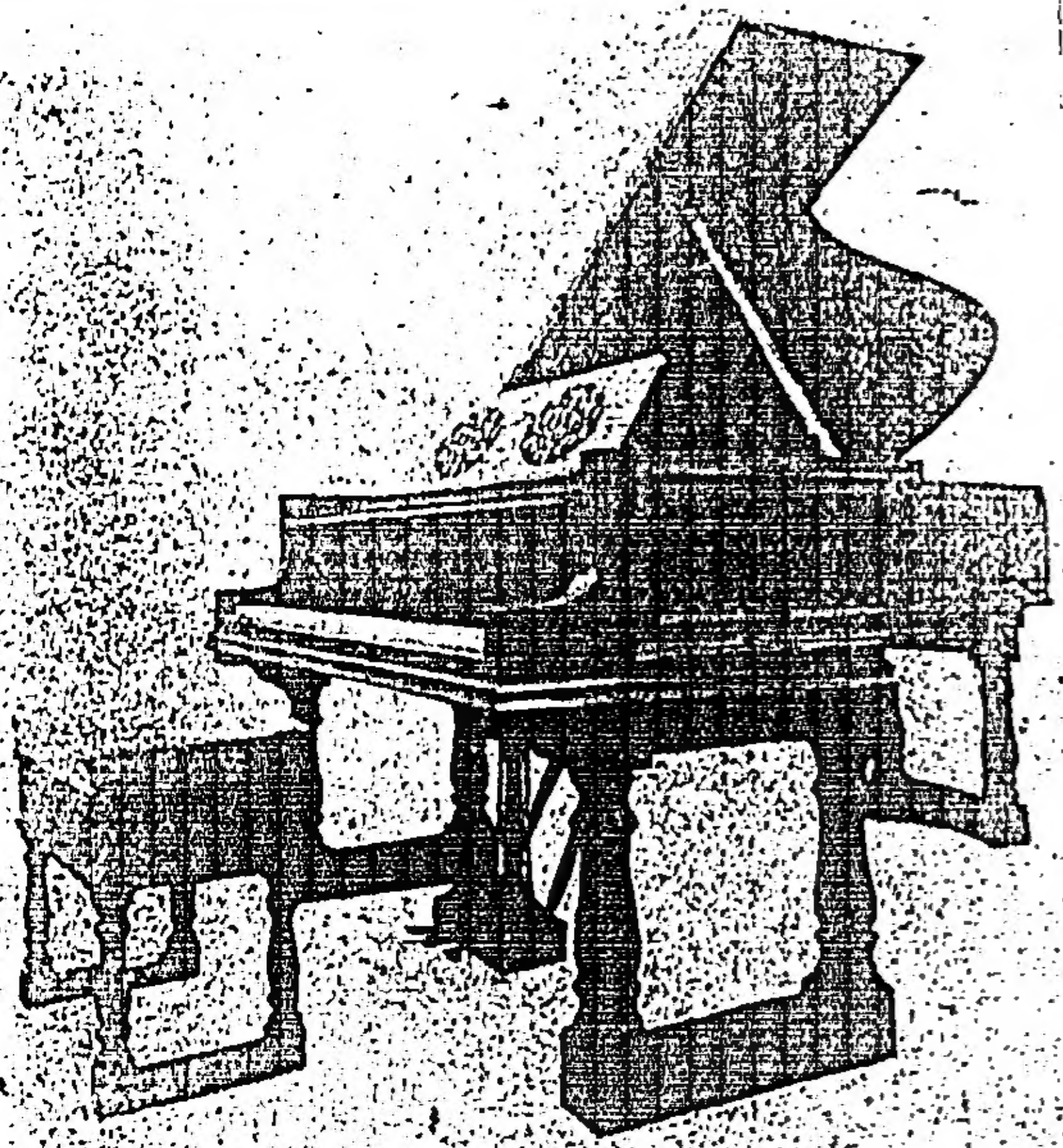
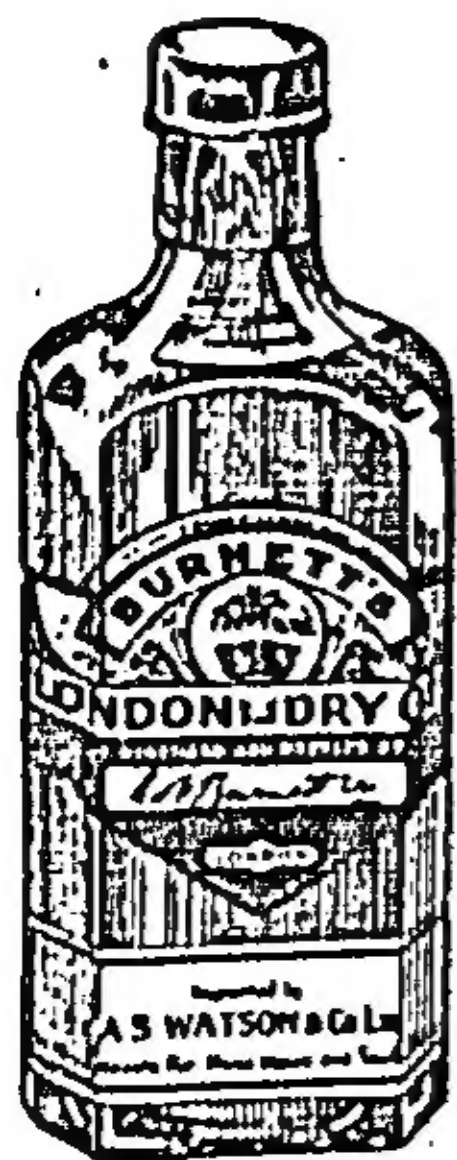
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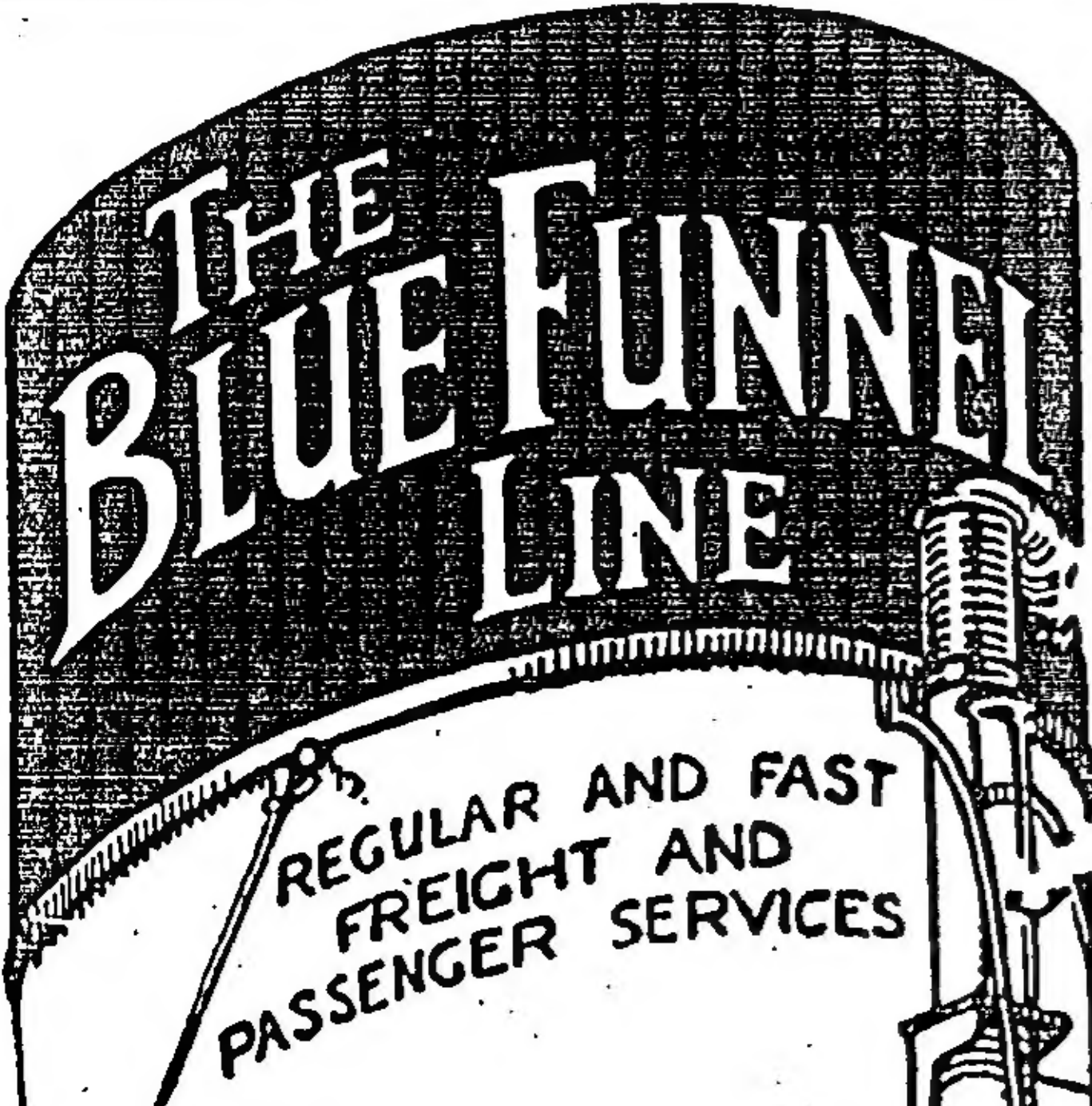
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MARRIAGE

SASSO-BERNDT. At the Roman
Catholic Cathedral, on January
10, 1938, Maurice Sasso, Buda-
pest, Hungary (member of staff,
Hongkong Hotel) to Elsie Berndt,
daughter of Mrs. and the late
Mr. Wm. Berndt.

**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1938.

**WORKER WONDERS
"WHY?"**

M. Paul van Zeeland, one-time
Belgian Prime Minister, and
first-class economist, has been
studying world economic ills
with a view to suggesting to res-
ponsible governments methods
for curing the complaints. This
will delight the wizards of
finance and the worshippers of
abstruse economic theories, and
will leave the humble worker
cold. While the leaders of in-
dustry, commerce and finance
lick their lips and bare their
teeth ready to rend in pieces
M. van Zeeland's cure for
economic ills, the worker will
try to go on working, pausing
only to wonder why, in this so-
called civilised world, his home
and family should be daily
threatened by war, unemploy-
ment, civil strife, loss of per-
sonal freedom, religious per-
secution, and the rest of the
depressing daily concomitants
which comprise the "Twentieth
Century Blues".

It has long been insisted that
intelligent public opinion alone
can save democracy. The con-
tribution of the intelligentsia
towards the moulding of this
opinion has been the presenta-
tion of political, social, economic
and financial theories, so in-
volved and complex that they
severed the ranks of their pro-
tagonists and left the worker
begging for a statement of faith
and action which he can com-
prehend. The world, having
built up its gigantic and be-
wildering systems, is now de-
feated by its own creeds, and
left floundering in its attempts
to discover the solution through
national cures, camouflaged in
international trappings.

It is quite possible that M.
van Zeeland's proposals, when
they are made known, will go
a very long way towards the
alleviation of existing distress.
But the more realistically-
minded will recall that the
World Economic Conference
held out just as much hope and

THESE PLANTS GO MAD



The animal world has some
strange creatures, but for
monsters take a look at the
plant world

PLANTS

which "go
mad" and,
sprawling in unpre-
dictable shapes, grow side by
side with members of ex-
actly the same botanic group of
which the symmetry and
colouring are unique in
nature; others imitating
stones to protect them-
selves from birds; strange
growths prolonging their
lives by feeding on them-
selves; minute vegetable
organisms developing at the
rate of less than an ounce
in 100 years—such are just
a few of the marvels of a
nursery I have seen at
Laindon, Essex.

Its owner is Mr. T. M. Endean
and, in a way, he is something
of a marvel himself.

His story, covering 50 years
of cactus and succulent plant
growing, illuminates the pro-
gress of a working-class Hack-
ney boy from crippledom and
blindness to a position unique in
the world of botany.

To-day, towards the end of a
life which has been, a con-
stant fight with illness, Thomas
Endean is still, by practical
standards, a poor man, but his
greenhouse is a Mecca for
botanists from every continent.
It is believed to contain the finest
general collection of cacti and
other succulents in the world.

In 1933 this working-man's
nursery was the means of re-
establishing 37 varieties of suc-
culent plants in their native
African habitat from which they
had long vanished. They were
unknown elsewhere in the world.

was a complete failure. The
W.E.C. demanded sacrifices; and
so it failed. M. van Zeeland's
suggestions will almost certainly
involve sacrifices, and if they
do they too will be doomed
to similar fate. One finds
the same story with the
disarmament conferences, and
obviously one can easily dis-
cover the reason for the suc-
cess of the Ottawa Conference.

Perhaps Mr. H. G. Wells and
his "Open Conspiracy" are
Utopian, and maybe pacifists
are cowards if judged by certain
values, but it does seem that
both have hit upon a funda-
mental demand for the creation
of a saner, happier world, when
they emphasise the need for a
restatement of man's relation-
ship with man. This restate-
ment appears to call for the
subordination of self in the
interests of the masses—in
short, sacrifices. Our present-
day systems would have no
truck with such sentiment, yet
until the nations comprehend
the vital necessity of this basic
creed, one fears that M. Paul
van Zeeland's great efforts will
have been made in vain.—S.A.G.

Any preconceived ideas one
may have about the cactus and
its botanic relatives are quickly
upset here.

Three 6-inch spines of the
cactus emoryi are suffi-
cient to catch a shark, and they
are actually used for that pur-
pose by South American natives,
who say that an echino hook will
hold when a steel hook would
break.

On the other hand there are
cacti with spines as soft as silk
and nearly as fine as gossamer.
Climbing over the greenhouse
staging is a plant resembling an
old-fashioned English clematis.
But it's a cactus all the same
and is the only leaved kind
known.

Another strange succulent in
the Endean collection is an
echevaria, 40 years old and 3
inches high, which in its true
form is an exact replica of a
bishop's mitre, but may just as
easily take the shape of a pile
of haricot beans—if you can
imagine haricot beans with
points on them. In this form it
is known as a refractory plant,
one which has probably "thrown
back" to the form of an ancestor.

Only rarely can the cactus and
succulent grower be sure that

the seeds of a given plant will
reproduce the characteristics of
the parent form. The new
plants may be so fantastically
different in outward appearance
that only a botanist can ascer-
tain the genus.

And what would you make of
a plant the leaves of which only
hold to the stem by suction?
Such is the crassula conopsea,
looking for all the world like a
row of buttons threaded on a
string. The "buttons" can
actually be turned round and
round on the stem. There is no
direct union, yet they continue
to grow.

There are plants which mimic
wolves' and tigers' mouths,
with canine and feline "teeth."
There is a plant, not a cactus,
which so perfectly counterfeits
that plant as to be indistinguish-
able therefrom, except by ex-
perts. This is the euphorbia,
filled with a milk-like fluid which
is deadly poison. Natives em-
ploy it on spearheads and
arrows.

Enthusiasts for cacti and suc-
culent plants divide their at-
tractions under four heads—
quaintness of form, symmetry
of form, beauty of flower, beauty
of foliage.

The loveliest flowers are
those whose life is briefest;
and how lovely and how brief
may be judged by the cercus
family, on which one single per-
fect annual bloom with petals
like a glowing silk fringe, ap-
pears for seven hours only. At
seven in the evening it is
opened; by two in the morning
it is gone. This flower grows on
an eight-foot plant.

At the other extreme I saw
succulent plants no bigger than
peas, throwing up violet coloured
blooms, an inch across, on 2-
inch stalks, and these remain in
bloom for a fortnight.

But it is in foliage that the
succulent plant is unchalleng-
ably supreme. The best speci-
mens in the Endean collection
are breath-stopping in their
perfection of pure form and
colour harmony.

Light, playing on the natural
wax coating of the plant, pro-
duces infinite gradations of
radiant metallic colour, running
alike through tall tongue-like
leaves or miniature rosettes, ac-
cording to the nature of the
plant, and changing subtly in
every inch of surface.

In this section nature takes
up the challenge of art and beats
it by a mile. I commend it to
the attention of modern interior
decorators.

To what great age will a suc-
culent grow? No one knows.
There is a plant at Laindon—
the anacampsis ustulata—
which is 3-inches high and 100
years old; and still it grows. It
weighs perhaps an ounce.

There is a cactus, need-
ing two men to lift it, 130
years old. And there is a
leuchtenbergia, one of the few
in the world, which was old
when Shakespeare died, which
may have been growing on a
South American bank in the
days of the Incas, which still
blooms . . . 500 years, Mr.
Endean moderately computes,
are compressed into the 3½-
inch height of its base, to
which each new spike thrown
up at the crown eventually adds
a layer of tissue-paper thick-
ness. Each spike—live appear-
ance—takes twenty to thirty
years to die.

"Do you wonder," asked my
pain-racked remarkable guide,
"that I have given my life to
my plants?"

Stanley Baron

THE GAME OF YOUTH

Beauty at the Neckline

THE most interesting game all
women play to-day is the game
of youth.

There are many, however, who
are playing it in a haphazard manner
which gives them away as amateurs
who have not mastered all the rules.
A few of these they know and observe
faithfully; others they seem to re-
gard as unimportant, but they console
themselves with the thought that in
spite of their slipshod manner, they
will be regarded as quite good players.

In short, too many women are
playing this great game with their
faces only, and while a well-cared-
for and well-made-up complexion;
youthful curls; a firm con-
tour and the complete absence of
wrinkles may carry them triumph-
antly through the early rounds, the
day is not too far distant when the
major faults of their play will be
obvious, for the necks they have
given scant attention to while they
were preoccupied with their faces,
will break the spell of illusion.

It is extraordinary, yet an un-
disputed fact that very few necks and
faces really match.

Regular Attention

A great many women never give
their necks any regular attention with
skin-food or massage, with the result
that neglected appearance. The ap-
pearance is particularly evident dur-
ing these months of the year when
dark and heavy coats are worn, but
it is wise to make a habit of applying
a bleaching pack to your neck at
regular intervals throughout the year.

These can be purchased already
made up in a tube, and twice a week
is not too often to apply, especially
so if the contrast between neck and
face is so obvious. First, open the
pores of the skin by wringing out a
small towel in hot water, and hold
this round your neck for a minute
or two, then spread the bleaching
paste on freely and leave till it sets
dry and firm. Then, rinse off with
hot water, using only upward strokes,

at the same time work in a good cold
cream, still employing the upward
movement with your finger-tips.

Frequent treatment with a suitable
oil is good for those necks which have
been badly neglected, and in con-
sequence have developed scraggy
contours. A teaspoonful of pure
olive oil added to the daily diet is
good when this can be taken. Mas-
sage with warmed almond oil is ex-
cellent treatment for a thin and
wrinkled neck. Steam the neck be-
fore commencing treatment, and work
the oil gently with firm upward
movements. Finish off by sponging
with very cold water to which the
juice of a lemon has been added.

Simple Exercises

Every woman who takes a pride
in her appearance and wants to keep
a firm and supple neckline must
devote a few minutes every day to
these simple exercises. A good one
is to throw the head backwards, then
bring it forward until the chin touches
the chest.

Another is to make the neck take
the whole strain of the movement
without any assistance from the
shoulders. Each day, look over your
shoulder a dozen times, without mov-
ing your body in any way; this must
be done slowly and deliberately.

If your neck has a crepe-like skin
you need a good tissue building oil,
and this must be massaged gently in-
at least twice a day whenever pos-
sible—circular massage movements.

A few minutes massage with a good
quality skin-food every night along
with the simple head-turning exer-
cises given above, done regularly will
bring your neglected neck into a con-
dition matching the school girl com-
plexion of your well-cared-for face.
You need to work all cream into
your skin, any that is not absorbed
must be carefully removed, for unless
your skin is allowed to breathe freely
it will inevitably take on a dull life-
less look, then all your regular exer-
cises and massage treatment will have
gone for nothing.

C. R.

COULD YOU SPOT SIX LOSERS?

Counsel's Challenge In Bets Case

Could you pick six losers in a day's racing?

Counsel threw out this challenge to the jury during the hearing of a case at the Old Bailey yesterday.

A retired inspector of the Bengal police and a postman had told of an alleged betting syndicate in which the public were offered 100 to one against picking a losing horse in six races.

They said that after several losing bets they won—but were not paid. Harold Johnson, aged thirty-seven, company director, pleaded not guilty to obtaining a number of postal orders by false pretences with intent to defraud.

Mr. L. A. Byrne (prosecuting) said that Johnson conducted a business called the Express Daily Sports Association. Circulars stating that the association paid investors 100 to 1 if they named six losing horses were sent out. These circulars also gave a list of rules—once that letters must be postmarked not later than the set time of the first race.

"HEADS I WIN"

Mr. Byrne alleged that the rules were so framed that so far as the promoter was concerned it was a case of "heads I win, tails you lose." Mr. Graham Brooks (defending) invited the jury to try picking six losers.

"Get a morning paper when you retire during the adjournment," he said, "and see if you can pick out six losers in the racing at Manchester to-day. Don't mind that each horse has to be in a different race, must not be in the first three, and if you pick a horse that does not run you lose your money."

Johnson, who gave evidence, denied in cross-examination that though the rules made it difficult for people to win they "bore the stamp of dishonesty."

An insurance broker said that he had a number of bets with the association. He lost about £2, then won £5. As he hoped to effect an insurance deal with Johnson he called to see him and was paid his winnings in cash.

BISLEY PLANS FOR 1938

N.R.A. MEETING IN JULY

ARMY'S NEW TYPE OF TARGET

The National Rifle Association will hold its 75th annual meeting at Bisley Camp, Monday, July 4 to Saturday, July 10, on which day the final of the King's Prize will take place in the afternoon.

The prize distribution will follow soon after the last shot is fired.

The National Smallbore meeting will take place during the first week of Bisley, July 4 to 9, on the Running Deer range.

The meetings of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Marine Rifle Associations will occupy Bisley ranges during the week immediately preceding the Imperial meeting, known as the "Services" week.

The Territorial Army will hold its meeting from July 3 and for the first three days of the Imperial meeting.

The Royal Force Rifle Association will hold its central meeting on Bisley ranges during the week beginning May 30.

The rifle allowed for the use at the N.R.A. meeting will be the same as for 1937. The Australian heavy barrel S.M.L.E. rifle, used by the Australian rifle team at the Coronation meeting this year, and which they won the Empire and Kolapore matches, may only be used by bona fide Australian competitors.

P. 14 RIFLES FOR SALE

The Government has now released for sale 2,000 pattern 1914 rifles—known as the "P. 14"—which type may be used in all competitions open to the S.R. (b) rifle—i.e., rifle fitted with sling and peep sight, both of which can be used as an aid to accuracy.

The N.R.A. Council hopes shortly to be able to provide spare barrels of private manufacture, and of Government specification, for sale to private owners of "P. 14" rifles who require new barrels at a price within reach of all. The N.R.A. has still on hand a number of "P. 14" rifles, which can be hired either by the day or year at a modest charge.

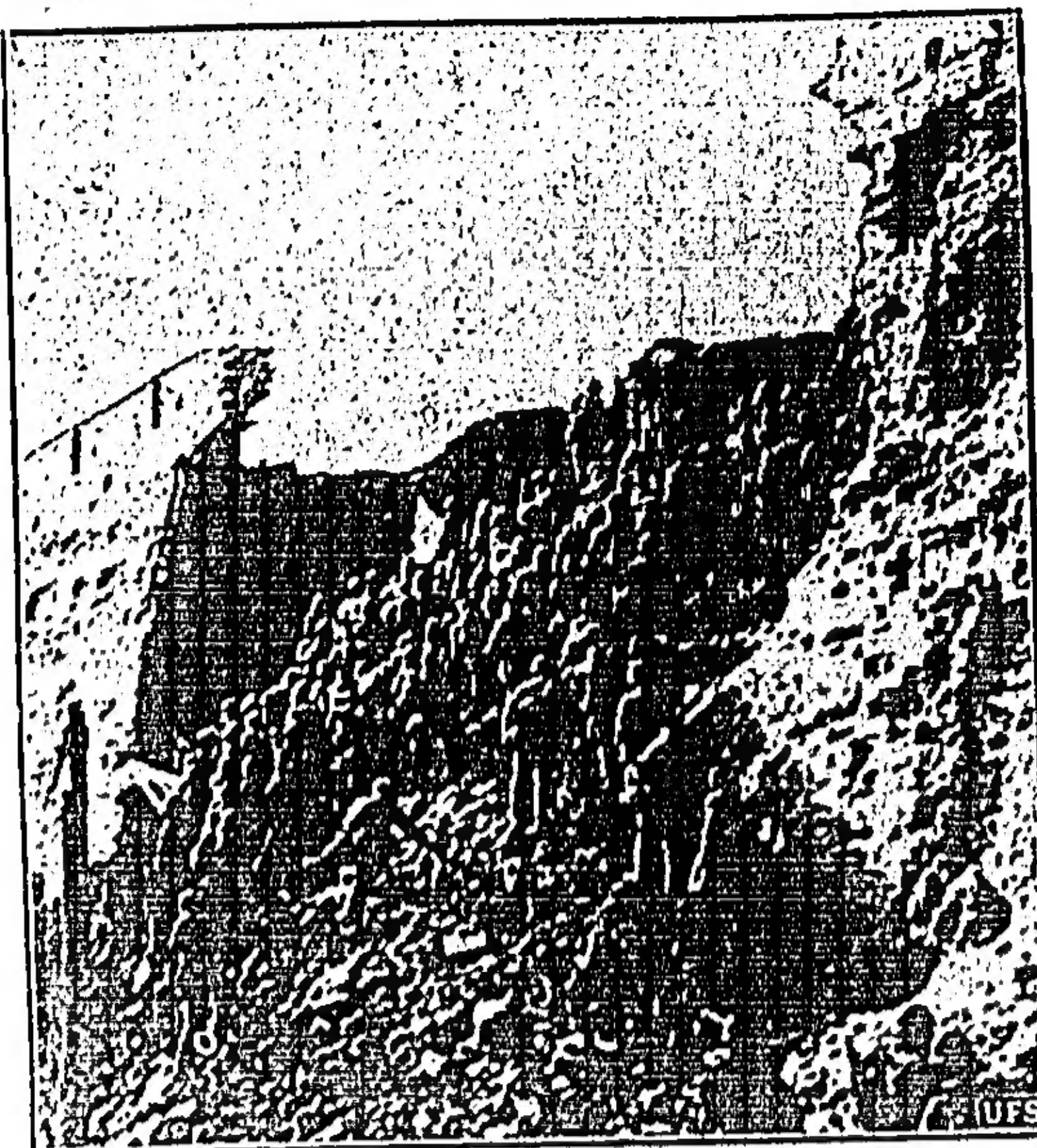
The dates on which the various competitions and matches take place will be the same as for 1937. There will be no competition in 1938 concurrent with the first stage of the King's Prize on the same lines as the 1937 Coronation competitions.

N.R.A. TARGETS UNCHANGED

Although the Army Rifle Association is introducing a new type of target for its 1938 competitions, the N.R.A. will make no change from the 1937 targets. The R.N., R.M. and R.A.F. will almost certainly conform to the N.R.A. targets.

Two sighting shots, compulsory, and included in the entrance fee.

MODERN GUNS: ANCIENT WALL



WALL FELL DOWN—This ancient Chinese wall about the city of Taiyuan was formerly believed a formidable barrier against invading hordes. But when the inhabitants refused to surrender to the Japanese, recently, the attackers turned their big guns on it and presently found easy access to the city, as shown.

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

"Might Become Serious Danger Politically," says Sheriff

It would be tactful and considerate, if the Duke of Windsor was allowed to become a private citizen, and was not made "copy" of by the Press, said Mr. Walter J. Robertson, Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire, in Glasgow, when speaking recently at the annual dinner of the Glasgow and West of Scotland District of the Institute of Journalists, held in the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow.

It was within the bounds of possibility, he added, that the Duke might in the future become a very serious danger politically.

Sheriff Robertson said that when Charles Bedaux, having booked himself on a liner of his choice, and labelled his destination Paris, arrived at Greenock, he hoped he would be unnoticed. Poor Bedaux got out at Greenock, and took a motor car, and he was chased 150 miles by a journalist, who "ran him down" at Carlisle. He refused to answer all the questions about a certain eminent person, now known as the Duke of Windsor.

"Now I would like to say this. His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor has chosen to abdicate the highest position in the world to become a private citizen. Whether he fully realises he is a private citizen or not, I cannot say, but if he does not, it is not the fault of the Press. I would venture to suggest humbly that it would perhaps be a tactful and considerate thing if His Royal Highness was allowed to be a private citizen, and not made 'copy' of by every thing he does and everything he says and everything he goes being reported in the paper. (Hear, hear.) It is quite within the bounds of possibility that the young gentleman might in the future become a very serious danger politically, in this or that way."

B.B.C. AND SURNAME PRONUNCIATION COMMITTEE TO DECIDE

Pronunciation of surnames is the next subject for the B.B.C. Advisory Committee on Spoken English, of which Mr. Bernard Shaw is chairman. When the committee met again on Dec. 7 it considered a proposal that the B.B.C. should issue a booklet giving recommended pronunciations of about 500 English surnames.

Mr. Shaw and his colleagues have no intention of dictating the pronunciation of names to their owners. Here are some of the names reviewed: Benuchamp, Poullett, Bellish, Pote-Carew, Cockburn, Pridemore, Cholmondeley, Powell, Greenhink, Waddell, Houston, Waugh, Ponsonby, Whewell.

Though it was impossible, in the case of a given name, to arrive at a pronunciation acceptable to all its owners, the committee endeavoured to find the most general usage.

will be taken in all N.R.A. individual competitions. The squadding for individual competitions will be in pairs under similar conditions as for 1937. In individual squadded events ammunition will be drawn from central depots on the presentation of detachable vouchers forming part of the competition ticket.

The official programme book will be ready for issue early in the New Year. Individual entries for the squadded events will close on June 20.

Science Versus Criminal

Bringing About the Downfall of the Wrongdoer

Confronted with minute particles of coal dust taken from an old wound in his hand, a German miner who had denied that he was in the Ruhr district when a murder was committed recently, confessed to the crime. Unknown to him, he had carried this tiny indelible clue which was to become damning evidence against him.

In British crime annals too, particularly since the development of police laboratories, seemingly insignificant clues have frequently led to the wrongdoer's undoing.

One of the most recent examples was the case of Leslie George Stone, the 24-years-old randsit labourer, who murdered Ruby Keen in a "lovers' lane" at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

A piece of silk thread about an inch long from the girl's dress, and grains of sand similar to that at the scene of the crime, found in the accused man's clothing, became important links in the prosecution's chain of evidence which led Stone to the scaffold.

CANDLE GREASE CLUE

Candle grease found in a prisoner's pocket was submitted to tests at the Cardiff City Police Laboratory and resulted in a burglar's conviction and sentence. It was compared with grease left on the carpet of the house which had been entered, and both "exhibits" were proved to be identical with wax from a candle at the thief's lodgings.

It sounds simple enough, but before experts tested no fewer than 17 candles of different makes and prices, and all were found to vary in composition.

Chips of enamel left on a damaged gate after it had been hit by a car, proved the falsity of a motorist's denial, also at Cardiff, that he had been involved in an accident. Chemical tests at the laboratory proved beyond a doubt that the enamel was similar to that on the car. Result, the driver admitted the collision.

The fate of a shopbreaker at Hastings depended upon a spider's web. He suggested that the intruder had entered by a certain window, but an observant detective noticed the web across the panes, searched his informant's flat, and there was the missing property.

TELL TALE TEETH MARKS

A boy's footprint in an unbalanced tin of shortbread was the principal evidence against a youth found guilty of breaking into a grocery store at Hereford, and a robber at Winchester who was careless enough to leave his teeth-marks in a piece of cheese. The boy was given a term of imprisonment and a flogging. Scientific examination of four silvery hairs returned a venerable "old" man to yet another "stretch" at Durham Quarter Sessions, and tiny pieces of glass falling unnoticed into the turn-ups of a shopbreaker's trousers at Plymouth were silent testimony to the fact that it was he who had gained entry by cutting out a pane of glass.

In several murder trials the slenderest of clues have become important factors in establishing the criminal's guilt.

Patrick Malone, the Crumlin murderer, little thought that a cloakroom ticket would lead to his downfall; nor did William Padmore, convicted of the Southampton garage crime, realise that a chance remark made to a fellow-prisoner while he was "in the side" for another offence would have such importance at his trial on the capital charge.

Lady Astor's Niece Sings In Night Club To Forget Tragedy

Adelaide Moffet, beautiful twenty-one-year-old daughter of a millionaire, and a niece by marriage of Lady Astor, began a career as a night club singer in New York recently.

FOUR YEARS WITH ABORIGINES

Sydney. Dr. Donald Thomson, the young anthropologist from Melbourne University, who lived with the Aborigines in North Australia for four years as one of them, is leaving for England. He says he is most discouraged by the Federal Government's failure to realise its duties to the natives. He would never think of returning to Australia.

He describes the decision to permit watering places to pearlers at Arnhem Land and the building of a flying boat base at Groote Eylandt, the largest island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, both native reserves, as outrages against humanity which shock the world.

If the natives there, he said, came into contact with whites they were bound to perish and the finest remaining tribes of Aborigines would thus disappear.

CITY FORGETS \$2 DEPOSIT

Martins Ferry. The city of Martins Ferry forgot for 27 years that it carried an account in a New York bank. Recently the bank asked the city to close out the old account. It amounted to \$2.

RADIO BROADCAST

'London Pride' and Other Relays from London ROTARY SPEECH

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H.K.T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Reginald Foort at the Cinema Organ. Keep Smiling! (Foort); The A.B.C. March (Foort and Ferring); Broadway Melody of 1938—Selection; The Singing Marine—Selection.

12.42 New Symphony Orchestra. 'Le Cid' Ballet Music—(Massenet); (a) Castillane; (b) Aubade; (c) Andalous; (d) Aragonaise; (e) Madrilène; (f) Navarraise.

1.00 Time and Weather. 1.03 Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra and Les Allen (Baritone). Canzonetta (D'Ambrosio); Cavatina (Raffi);... Orchestra; Dear Little Boy Of Mine (Brennan and Ball);... Les Allen (Baritone); by Sidney Torch (Organ); because (from 'Two Love Sonnets'—Gade); Why? (from 'Two Love Sonnets'—Gade);... Orchestra; Radio Requests (Les Allen's Most Appreciated Songs);... Les Allen (Baritone); by Sidney Torch (Organ); The Knave Of Diamonds (Steele);... Orchestra; Savanah (Esquivale); Chaminade (arr. Kreisler); Guitarre, Op. 48, No. 2 (Moszkowski, Sarasate);... Alfredo Campoli (Violin).

1.30 Rauter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements. 1.40 Relay of Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: B. Wilson. Subject: My Trip to the Hoover.

2.15 Close Down. 6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme. 7.00 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Let's Put Our Heads Together (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); With Plenty Of Money and You (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937');... Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Sweet Lullaby (from 'Wallkiki Wedding'); The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down... Billy Cotton and His Band; I Saw A Ship A-Sailing... Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

7.15 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report. 7.20 London Relay—"All Kinds of People"—1.

'My Memories of the Tsar Nicholas II at his Coronation' A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton. 7.35 Variety.

Vocal—Look Up And Laugh—Medley; Film Waltz Songs—Medley. Grace Fields with Organ Accompaniment; Vocal and Instrumental—Blaze Away (Kennedy and Holmman); Many Happy Returns Of The Day (Dubin and Burke);... Eddie Peabody (Vocal) playing various instruments; Comedian—You Can't Go Away Like That (Miller); Weeping Willow (Miller);... Max Miller; Novelty—Blazin' The Trail (Samuels, Whitcomb and Powell); Twilight On The Trail (film 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine');... The Hill Billies.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 Variety continued.

Vocal—Place In Your Heart (Sam Coslow); The Very Thought Of You (Ray Noble);... Sam Coslow (Tenor); Piano-Accordeon Band—An Revolt (J. G. Gilbert); A Waltz Was Born In Vienna (Crooker and Loewe);... London Piano-Accordeon Band.

8.15 London Relay—"London Pride". A Programme in praise of London compiled from the tributes of visitors through the centuries. Devised and written by D. F. Allen. Produced by Pascoe Thornton.

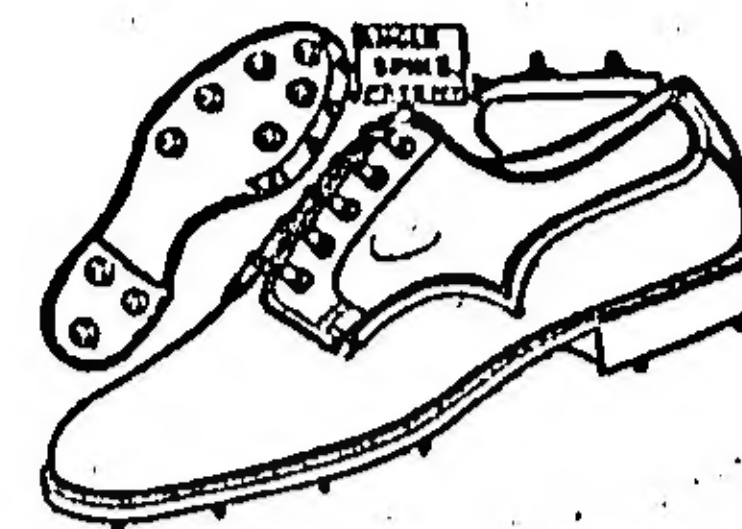
8.55 A Short Concert by Claudia Muzio (Soprano) and Casals (Cello). La Boheme—Yes, They Call Me Mimì (Puccini); Cavalleria Rusticana—Mother, you know the story (Mascagni);... Claudia Muzio; Moment Musical (Schubert); Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Apres Un Reve (Faure); Chanson Villageoise (Popper—Op. 62, No. 2);... Casals.

9.15 London Relay—Bobb Wilton as Mr. Madelcombe, J. P. in 'The Court of Not-So-Common, Please!'. Written by Robb Wilton on an original idea by Barry Bernard Presented by Max Kester.

9.30 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in F-flat, Op. 60. Felix Weingartner cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra. 10.15 Songs by Jussi Bjorling (Tenor).

'Aida' (Verdi)—Heavenly Aida, divine Aida; 'La Boheme' (Puccini)—Your tiny hand is frozen. 10.25 Light Variety Concert. Orchestra—Pachio, Digo (Pessenti); O Cara Min (Broadbaki, arr. Pagar);... A. J. Pessenti and His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm In The Mood For Love (McLush, Fields); I Wishd On The Moon (Ranger, Parker);... Lanny Ross; Orchestra—Rise And Shine (Selection);... Sydney Kyle and His Pizzicato Fleet Band; Vocal—Swing (film 'Public Nuisance No. 1'); Me And My Dog (film 'Public Nuisance No. 1');... Frances Day (Soprano); Orchestra—What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr. Debroy Somers) (Continued on Page 4.)

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O'REILLY TROUBLES BATSMEN

Brilliant Bowling Performance

Adelaide, Dec. 10.
A brilliant spell of bowling by W. J. O'Reilly, who took five wickets for one run, brought about a remarkable change of fortune in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day.

New South Wales lost their four wickets for 45 runs and were all out for 337. South Australia made a good start and, with the total at 145 for one, looked like making a big score. Then O'Reilly found his length and sent back five batsmen at a cost of one run. South Australia's total at the close of play was 163 for six.

After losing C. L. Badcock, who made only two, South Australia made good progress with R. S. Whittington and D. G. Bradman together for the second wicket. Both played cautiously, and so well set did they look that it seemed possible they might play out time. The reappearance of O'Reilly, however, brought disaster for the home side. Whittington was the first to go, being caught by Robinson after scoring 54. Bradman followed and was bowled before scoring, and Bradman was the next to fall, being caught for 61. Walte and Walker went the way of the other batsmen, and stumps were drawn shortly afterwards.

GOLF DRAW MADE

Junior Competition At Fanling

The draw for the first round of the Hongkong Golf Club Junior Championship has been completed. The first named player in each round is the challenger and must fix the date for play. Starting times, if required, should be asked for in the usual way. The draw resulted as follows:

E. G. Smith-Wright v. T. Lov.
N. K. Littlejohn v. H. Overy.
R. Hancock v. R. S. Johnson.
B. J. B. Morahan v. R. K. M. Simpson.
H. H. Mundy v. R. E. H. Nelson.
R. C. Gray v. T. E. Pearce.
G. S. Archbutt v. W. Woodward.
J. L. C. Pearce v. W. W. C. Sheehan.

The first round to be played on or before January 23; second round on



A scene in "Melody For Two," now showing at the King's Theatre, in which James Melton and Patricia Ellis are co-starred. A famous radio favourite, Melton comes to the screen for the third time.

REFEREES DECIDE AT LAST

Alteration In Date Of Annual Meeting

The decision of the Hongkong Referees Association to alter the date of its annual meeting from January until the first Monday in September, was the subject of much discussion at the annual meeting yesterday. It was pointed out that if the proposal were carried, it would not come into force until 1939 so it was decided to hold an extraordinary general meeting prior to the proposed annual meeting in September, when the date of the annual meeting would be brought forward.

Officers elected were:—Mr. T. G. Stokes, President; Mr. D. Kossick, Secretary and Treasurer; Messrs. Martin (Navy), MacCormac (Army) and Omar (Civilians), Committee. The invitation from the Philippines for the services of a first class referee was declined owing to the inability of a member to make the trip.

The meeting said goodbye to Mr. E. G. Isley who will shortly leave. Mr. Pryde, Chairman, paid a tribute to the great service which Mr. Isley had done for the Association.

or before February 6; semi-final on or before February 20, and the final (36 holes) on or before February 27.

TABLE TENNIS CUP PRESENTED FOR COMPETITION

Local Association To Organise Leagues

The Hongkong Ping Pong Association instituted a movement last month to raise funds for the wounded Chinese soldiers. A meeting has been called for 7.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Confucius Club, Hollywood Road, where the organising of leagues for men and women will be discussed. To this end cups have been presented by the Chinese Newspaper Correspondents' Union and Mr. Yee Chow-shui, the famous Chinese stage and cinema comedian.

It is anticipated that the best players from Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai and Macao will participate in these leagues, among whom are several who represented China at the Far Eastern Olympic Games.

Arrangements will also be made to facilitate the appearances of Miklos Szabad and Istvan Kelen, the Hungarian world champions who recently passed through the Colony on a visit to Japan, but who will be returning again in March.

HERO OF VARSITY TUSSLE

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to travel to foggy Twickenham, but the plain truth is that they were beaten fifteen within a few minutes of the kick-off.

LICKED, HUMBLD

They were licked and humbled and removed from Oxford's path chiefly because their well-known triangle was throttled long before it could ever get on the move.

The person principally responsible for this was Frankes, who until very recently was Oxford's full-back. Recently he was at left-centre, and if there is justice on earth he will be hoisted on high when he returns to Oxford—hoisted and applauded because his tackling was not only deadly, but among the finest ever seen at Twickenham.

The tactics of the Cambridge back division were so completely mechanical and orthodox that they really offered themselves as a sacrifice to the Oxford defence, but even this did not harm the game as a spectacle.

THEY DISAPPOINTED

The second half was better than the first for there were frequently movements that proved that the open game in Rugby has not become an entirely lost art.

Cambridge had infinitely the better of the tight scrums, heeling from nine out of ten, but that was the limit of their superiority. Their backs got going only to be mowed down like chaff in a gale, and they never looked like scoring save when Bruce-Lockhart "dropped" his neat and smart goal.

Cambridge were a great disappointment to all and sundry, perhaps even to the King who is himself a Cambridge man, and who was present to witness the downfall of his varsity.

In every way it was a grand match, and the only slowness was contributed by the band when they played the National Anthem. On each occasion the big crowd was ahead of it by two lengths at the finish.

Prince Obolensky, the speedy Oxford wing, was scarcely seen, the ball unfortunately not running his way. The only real opportunity he had came late in the game—and he was then brought down with a Soccer trip.

Mayhew stood out as the man of the day, but close behind him were Cooke, the Oxford scrum-half, and Roden. Those who will not want to remember the "Varsity" match of 1937 are the Cambridge triangle.

M.C.C. COMMISSION MAKES ITS REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

By H. J. Henley

After nine months of careful study the commission "appointed by the Marylebone Cricket Club at the request of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to investigate the problems confronting the counties taking part in the First-Class County Cricket Championship" have produced their report. It is long, it is complicated, it is many-sided, and it contains no bombshells. The commissioners, W. Findlay, R. C. N. Parlairet, and R. H. Mallett, do not wave the red flag of revolution. They have approached cricket as a great game, too complex and honoured to be lightly despoiled, not as a mere recreation for the mob, which can be "jazzed" to suit the mood of an hour.

In considering their viewpoints and their recommendations it is necessary to recall the situation which led to the creation of the commission. At the end of the season of 1936, after a series of wet, bleak summers, many county clubs were in a desperate state of poverty. The woe which had been kept at bay for so long was at the doorway at last, and it looked as if some of the committee were prepared to adopt any wild scheme which seemed to have even a remote chance of increasing "gates." They had forgotten, as the commissioners generally do in such circumstances, that their troubles were in a big measure caused by the bad weather, which had equally affected the hire of boats on the rivers, the ice-cream trade, seaside boarding houses and hotels, and everything else which depends upon sunshine for profit. But the counties only saw that their balance-sheets were bad and a crisis approaching rapidly. So they did what they generally do in times of trouble and turned to the M.C.C. for aid.

The commissioners had many schemes brought before them, but they have carefully refrained from recommending the more drastic forms of "reform," such as allowing the visiting team to bat first instead of tossing for innings, period play, two-day matches, a longer over, and a method of promotion and relegation from teams of different divisions. Indeed, of the changes they do recommend that are more directly concerned with the manner of play as distinct from financial jugglery, two present any cause for reasonable objection. Of these, one applies to short-pitched fast bowling, commonly known as "negative length," the other to a reduction in the number of first-class counties.

LINE FOR BOWLING?

In regard to "negative length," they contend that much of the dull play is caused by the bowlers rather than by the batsmen, and they suggest that a line or lines should be drawn across the wicket, beyond which bowlers would be required to pitch the ball, or be penalised in some way, presumably by being "no-balled." But here we are on very slippery ground. The spot where "negative length" meets the ground differs appreciably with the pace of the pitch and the speed of different bowlers. Are we, then to have half a dozen lines drawn across the wicket, or is a groundman, armed with brush and bucket and whitewash, to rush forth periodically and change the position of the line? Moreover, an accurate bowler would soon learn to pitch the ball mechanically an inch or two over the line, and still be negative in effect but not in law. Consider, too, the unfortunate umpire. He cannot have eyes everywhere. There are too many snags here for comfort.

No doubt balls short of a length used persistently do slow down the scoring, although the many batsmen who now play right back to everything and regard a forward push stroke as old-fashioned, cannot be considered innocent parties. They turn into "negative" bowling de-

have eventually to sanction all proposals, but what the Advisory Committee pass it never turned down. So if the counties consider that they have not a satisfactory Championship they have only themselves to blame.

TEST MATCH PROFITS

The first part of the commissioners' report, which is devoted to finance, with especial attention paid to the manner of allotting Test match profits, will be more to the taste of financiers than to the average follower of cricket, and the question of county "gates" and the advisability or otherwise of passing on to the public the entertainment tax, is purely the concern of the club officials, who are at liberty to make their own decisions. More important from the spectators' point of view are the suggestions in regard to hours of play—the intervals, and other matters connected with the clock. The commissioners have done especially good work in stressing the evils of wasting time—surely the quickest way to irritate a crowd—and they would rearrange matters that no tea interval could be taken shortly after the interval between innings, and remove the frittering away of five minutes here or there which at present happens so wantonly. They would also cause it to be impossible for hours of play to be altered at the will of the teams on the third day, and make it a rule for the in-going batsman on all occasions to meet the out-going batsman before he enters the pavilion. Everyone who follows cricket will greet all this with hearty approval. Intervals illegally prolonged do not benefit the players, and there is no excuse for dawdling. It is a pity that a suggestion is not made to prevent refreshment from being taken out on the field between the refreshment intervals except on very exceptional occasions.

The commissioners point out that their recommendations have not yet been considered by any of the governing bodies, and no doubt before any changes are definitely made in the conduct of the game much will be whittled away and many a suggestion turned down. But if they succeed in bringing home to the counties even the importance of punctuality the commission will have been worth while. "WATCH-MAN."

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MARVEL ON BLADES—Many nations were represented in the Winter Sports Carnival in Madison Square Garden, Dec. 7-11. Here is a striking action picture of Vera Hruba, Czechoslovakian figure skating champion, as she practised at a New York rink in preparation for the contests. Miss Hruba is widely known in European ice-skating centres.

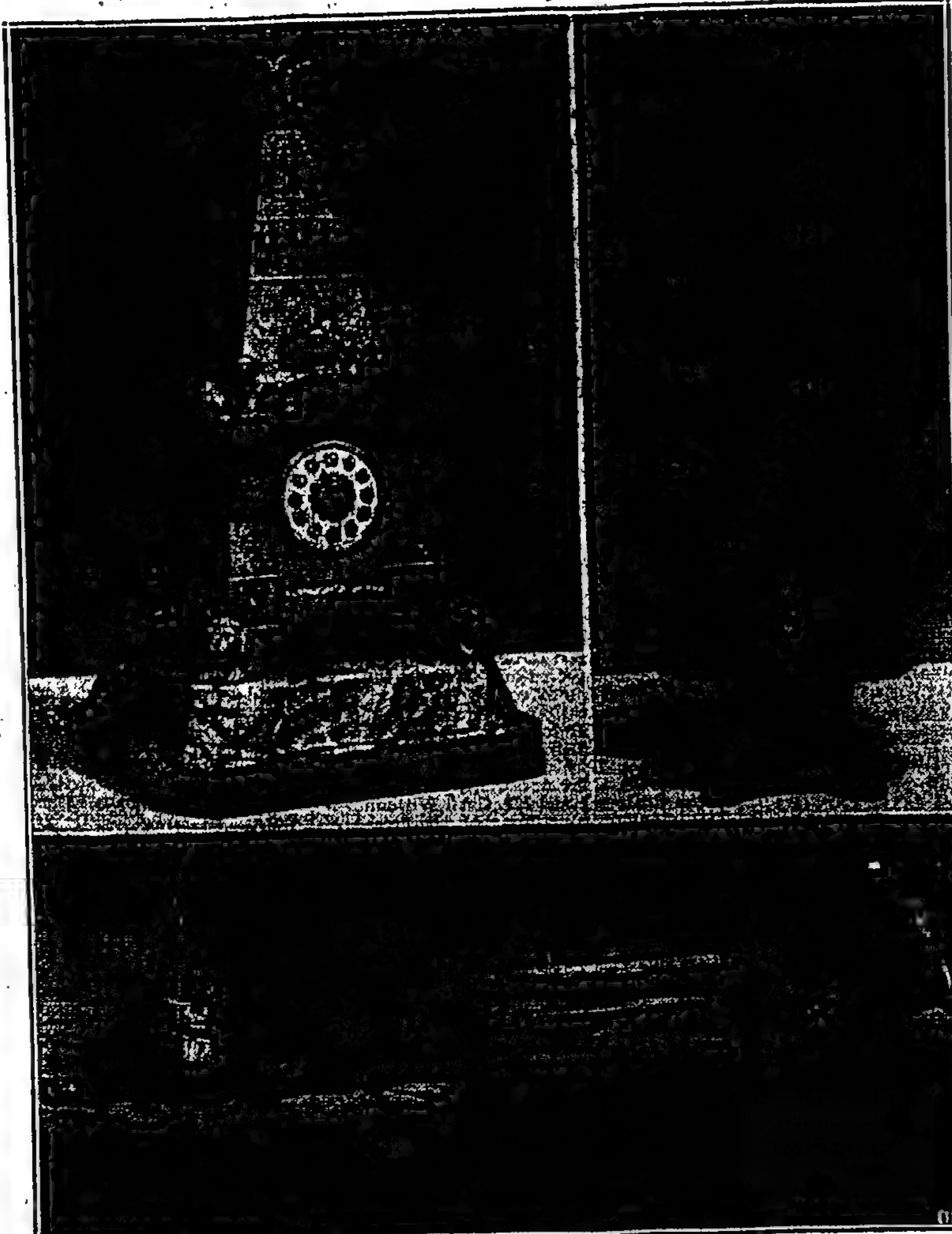


HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND—Arriving in New York to join a night club revue, Magda de Fontanges, who shot Count Charles Pinston de Chambrun at a Paris railway station last March, over her avowed romance with Premier Mussolini of Italy, was taken by immigration authorities to Ellis Island. She is shown above as she awaited a hearing. She is under a year's suspended sentence.



HIS TALKS A SECRET—Viscount Halifax, Lord President of the British Council, kept results of his recent visit to Germany a carefully guarded secret, refusing to say what chance of friendly co-operation between the two nations had developed. Above, at right, he is bid adieu by Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador, as he left Victoria Station, London, for Germany.

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CHINA TO ADOPT WHOLESALE GUERRILLA TACTICS

(Continued from Page 1.)

only to control a narrow belt along the railway. Chinese guerrilla troops are immediately outside the "bells" harassings. In the same manner Chinese guerrilla units are attacking cities near Hangchow and near Tientsin. The entire 29th army under General Sung Chien-yuan, which collapsed at Peiping and Tientsin last July, has been re-organized into guerrilla forces, centred in Taming city.

THE SHANGHAI BLUNDER
General Yeh Chien-yung, Chief of Staff of the former Red, or Eighth Route Army, commented as early as August last that in the present war China should adopt guerrilla or mobile tactics instead of positional tactics. He observed that the chief reason for the collapse of the 29th army was their ignorance of mobile tactics. He advocated mobile tactics chiefly on the ground that China lacks effective heavy weapons with which to resist the Japanese bombardments. Long before the Chinese retreat from Shanghai he pointed out the inadvisability of positional tactics by the Chinese defence forces in the Shanghai sector.

In the meantime they had the remarkable fact that in northern Shansi the Eighth Route Army appeared ever victorious and furthermore were able to maintain their positions behind the Japanese lines. As an instance, he said, the former Red guerrilla troops were still maintaining their strongholds in northern Shansi. These facts serve as material examples for leading the re-organization of other national troops into guerrilla forces.

FOUR GOLDEN RULES
The principles of the guerrilla tactics in China are very simple. Guerrilla strategists state that the golden rules consist only of four points: firstly that whenever the enemy is coming to retreat, secondly whenever the enemy is stationed anywhere to harass, thirdly whenever the enemy is evasive, to attack, fourthly whenever the enemy is in retreat to drive to kill.
Besides the Government guerrilla forces, there are about 20,000 guerrilla volunteers drawn from civilians in the Peiping, Tientsin and Pootung areas. Commander Yang Pao-ming should be considered the "father" of the guerrilla forces around Peiping, because the first unit he commanded last August consisted only of two farmers, two workmen and one ex-serviceman, and they had only one ancient Russian hunting gun and 30 bullets. Yang Pao-ming now has thousands of men in northern Hopei constantly waylaying enemy units, seizing Japanese weapons in surprise attacks and destroying munitions, aeroplanes and tanks.
All the Chinese military authorities and the people believe that the farther the Japanese troops penetrate into China the more dangerous it will be for the Japanese lines of communications and the less chance they will have of victory.—United Press.

Bomb Plotters Discovered

Paris, Jan. 11.
A number of arrests have been made in connection with the bomb outrage of December 9 last when explosions occurred in two headquarters of employers near the Arch of Triumph in Paris resulting in the death of two policemen.
The Surete has discovered the identity of the men involved in the bombing. It is reported.—Reuter.

Poem Read in £180,000 Will Dispute

During the hearing of a dispute over £180,000 will in the Probate Court in London it was alleged that the testator had delusions that:

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RELATIVES' PLEA
Relatives of Mr. Bohrmann opposed the will. They alleged that he was not of sound mind, memory and understanding when he made the will and codicils, that he was insane, and that he suffered from delusions.

Roosevelt Talks About Bigger Navy

Washington, Jan. 10.
President F. D. Roosevelt summoned State and Navy Department officials for a further discussion on the proposed supplementary naval building programme.
White House officials state that it will be several days before President Roosevelt sends his expected message to Congress, concerning the programme.—Reuter.

NOT MUCH HEADWAY

Budapest, Jan. 11.
No communique was issued at the end of yesterday's talks between German, Italian and Hungarian diplomats here.
The general impression seems to be that not much headway was made. It is regarded as fairly certain that neither Austria nor Hungary will leave the League of Nations to join the anti-Comintern pact, which is believed to be Italy's hope in attending the conference.
All Europe is watching developments at Budapest with concern, for it is quite possible that this meeting will be the preliminary to some new political alignment.—Reuter.

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YOUNG KWANGSI PILOTS DEFEAT JAPANESE AIRMEN

Nanning, Jan. 11.
Fresh from school, several young Kwangsi pilots showed their ability as airmen on January 8 when they shot down three Japanese pursuit planes and one Japanese bomber during fights over Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi. It is officially announced.
One Chinese plane was also damaged, it was revealed. The pilots who engaged the Japanese are all new graduates from the Kwangsi Aviation School, having no experience in actual air combats, and the planes which they piloted are old and hardly fit for fighting. However, despite these disadvantages, they successfully out-manoeuvred the Japanese airmen during two successive raids on the city.—Central News.

HWEICHOW VISITED

Tunchi, Anhwei, Jan. 11.
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An audacious Japanese dawn attempt to seize Tiger Island and thus threaten the gateway to the Pearl River, was responsible for the sudden bombardment.

An armed Japanese trawler, laden with marines and trailing several motor boats, crept up the river under cover of darkness.

A landing was actually made on Tigris Island before the presence of the Japanese was discovered.

Signalling to the four British ships to keep clear, the Bocca Tigris forts opened fire as soon as the alarm was raised.

The Tsinan, which was under way when the engagement commenced, immediately steamed up the river towards Canton. The three remaining vessels weighed anchor as quickly as possible and fled in the other direction.

Under brisk fire from the forts the Japanese trawler was forced to retire, leaving the landing party ashore on Tiger Island. Threatened with isolation and capture, the marines retired a few minutes later by motor launch, and presumably rejoined the trawler further down the river.

British ships passing down the river this morning report that two Japanese warships are anchored at the mouth of the river.

No further incident, however, has taken place at Bocca Tigris, which is approximately eight miles from the mouth of the river.

Hainan Island Shelled

A United Press message from Canton states that increased Japanese naval action was apparent in other parts of South China yesterday.

Japanese warships shelled several towns on Hainan Island, including Sunyong and Yancheng, meeting with no resistance from the Chinese garrisons. The Japanese, however, made no attempt to land at these points.

Canton last night underwent its second night raid since October last, a large number of Japanese bombers flying over the loop-line connecting the Canton-Hankow and Kowloon-Canton Railways.

Ships in the river, including British and American gunboats, and the entire city, were darkened for several hours, until the all clear signal was given.

A beautifully clear moonlight night considerably aided the Japanese bombers in their incursion.

BRITON MURDERED BY ARABS

Dastardly Outrage
Near Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Jan. 10.

Mr. J. L. Starkey, British archaeologist, visiting Palestine, was killed in a highway hold-up near Hebron today.

Mr. Starkey, at the head of a field expedition, was sent out by the Wellcome Research Institution, and he had been excavating at Lachish, near Hebron.

It is learned that Mr. Starkey, accompanied by two Arab assistants, was travelling in a car to Jerusalem from Lachish, when an armed gang of Arabs, who ordered the Englishman to alight, compelled him to march ahead. They then shot him twice, but his Arab assistants were spared.—Reuter Special.

Virtual Isolation Of Hongkong Predicted

S'PORE GANGS ACTIVE Police Guards In Tramcars

Singapore, Jan. 11.
Roving gangs threw bricks and stones and bottles at buses and tramcars for a few hours early yesterday evening until police guards were allotted to the vehicles. After this disturbance ceased.

The police, earlier, had cordoned off the court in which 118 Chinese and Indians were to be tried on charges of unlawful assembly, arising out of Sunday's anti-Japanese rioting.

One Chinese woman is dead as a result of Sunday's rioting.

Chinese and Indian drivers have now agreed to take out buses under police protection after they at first refused, owing to fears of being stoned. The gangs' activities are a form of protest against the detention of the 118 arrested in the Sunday disturbances.—United Press.

Kwangsi Pilots Defeat Japan Airmen

Japanese Raiders
Continue Active

Nanning, Jan. 11.
Fresh from school, several young Kwangsi pilots showed their ability as airmen on January 8 when they shot down three Japanese pursuit planes and one Japanese bomber during fights over Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi, it is officially announced.

One Chinese plane was also jammed, it was revealed. The pilots who engaged the Japanese are all new graduates from the Kwangsi Aviation School, having no experience in actual air combat, and the planes which they piloted are old and hardly fit for fighting. However, despite these disadvantages, they successfully out-manoeuvred the Japanese airmen during two successive raids on the city.—Central News.

JAPANESE RAID HSUCHOW

Hsichow, Jan. 11.
Six Japanese light bombers which came from outside the Lienyung Harbour raided Hsichow at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The raiders dropped 40 bombs in the north-eastern suburbs. Chinese anti-aircraft guns fired at them.—Central News.

HWEICHOW VISITED

Tunchi, Anhwei, Jan. 11.
Hweichow, scenic town in south Anhwei, was visited by Japanese bombing planes yesterday. Three bombs were dropped on the city.—Central News.

BELGIAN LEAPS OFF STEAMSHIP

A Belgian mining engineer, M. Van den Eede Alois, 43, leaped to his death from the French liner D'Artagnan as the ship was nearing Hongkong yesterday.

The vessel immediately halted and a boat was lowered. But M. Alois was dead when picked up.

Report of the tragedy was made as soon as the ship docked this morning. The Belgian Consulate-General states that the funeral of M. Alois will take place to-morrow morning.



More than 12,000 lantern-bearers formed a huge parade in Tokyo when announcement was made of the signing of the Italo-German-Japanese anti-Comintern pact in Rome. Above, Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, centre; German Ambassador Herbert von Dirksen, right; and Italian Ambassador Giancinto Auriti, left, acknowledge cheers.

SHANGHAI RESIDENTS ASKING FOR FIRM STAND BY BRITAIN

London, Jan. 11.
Mr. A. C. Moreing, M.P., Chairman of the China Committee saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, for 20 minutes this afternoon, to whom he conveyed the representations received from British residents in China urging the Government not to yield to the various Japanese demands, and offering the opinion that with the backing of the British and American governments, the Shanghai Municipal Council was prepared to stand firm against the Japanese demands to strengthen Japanese representation on the Council.

The representations also expressed apprehension lest the Government allow temporary concessions to the Japanese.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave an interesting luncheon to-day to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the new British Ambassador to China, and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, the former British Ambassador to China, who was wounded by Japanese machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

Must Make Distinction

London, Jan. 11.
In connection with the Japanese demands for more representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council and other concessions, well-informed persons, all of them men, reported seeing a plane "plunge into the hills."

It is feared the machine may have crashed in the heavily timbered Bridger Mountains.—United Press.

HANKOW TRAIN DELAYED

Canton, Jan. 11.
The refugee train from Hankow, containing the Italian Consul, the British Vice-Consul, two American naval officers and 70 American sailors, is held up at Lokung, 35 miles north of Canton, due to an air raid alarm which sounded at 8.55 this morning.

According to Chinese reports, three Japanese planes were sighted this morning at Tungkan, heading in the direction of the Boco Tigris.

Meanwhile details of last night's moonlight raid have not yet come in from the various points along the rail-

JAPAN EXPECTS SOUTH CHINA INVASION

Imperial Conference Will Decide To-day

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Details of the future Japanese policy in China have not been revealed, while plans were yesterday completed for convening an Imperial conference at 2 p.m. to-day.

In Tokyo it is believed that serious matters are to be discussed. Some are convinced that the conference will deal with peace terms to be offered to China; others are certain that Japan plans to sweep South China and to capture the Canton area, virtually isolating Hongkong. There are many other surmises, but positive information is lacking.

Congress Says "No" To Referendum Government's Hands Are Left Untied

Washington, Jan. 10.
The Administration scored a victory in the House of Representatives when a vote of 209 to 138 bottled up the Ludlow Committee which proposed the war referendum, for the remainder of the session, preventing the sponsors of the amendment from emerging on the floor of the House.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Bankhead said: "I measure my words when I say that this is the greatest question submitted to Congress since I became a member more than 20 years ago."

Representative Rynburn said: "The adoption of this resolution will do more to plunge the United States into war than any action Congress has taken."—United Press.

ROOSEVELT OPPOSES

Washington, Jan. 10.
A letter from President Franklin Roosevelt warning Congress that the proposed war referendum would "cripple any President in his conduct of our foreign relations" was read to-day in the House of Representatives. The letter added that such an amendment would encourage others to believe they could violate American rights with impunity.—Reuter.

SPEAKER DENOUNCES REFERENDUM

Washington, Jan. 10.
The leaders of the House subsequently joined with the President in condemning the amendment, and Representative Bankhead left the Speaker's rostrum to speak against it. He said he was not willing that his colleagues should "abandon the judgment of the farmers of our Constitution and say the people were no longer willing to trust their chosen representatives or the chief executive of the United States, who loves peace as much as any man in the world."

It is very seldom that Mr. Bankhead takes the floor to discuss legislative proposals.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE OF NEWS

London, Jan. 11.
A co-operative plan between the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Argentine Propaganda Department has been reached, whereby news as broadcast by each of these agencies will be published by the other country's press.—Reuter.

The Imperial conference is the fifth of its kind in the history of Japan. The first two were held during the Sino-Japanese war of 1894, the third during the Russo-Japanese war, and the fourth in 1914, when Japan declared war on Germany. The conference is expected to act speedily with regard to the various problems, and to announce its decisions immediately. Meanwhile apparently every Government department councillor is pledged to secrecy. According to one prominent opinion the conference will decide to indulge in relentless warfare in the event of China failing completely to accept the Japanese terms, with the intention of continuing the hostilities until the Nanking faction is out of the picture and the Peiping Government re-

STOP PRESS

HANKOW SEVERELY BOMBED

Hankow, Jan. 11.
Twenty-four heavy Japanese bombers visited Hankow and dropped about 100 bombs on the military airfield.

Anti-aircraft guns engaged them heavily, but none were shot down. The raiders left hurriedly after dropping their explosives.

CHINESE RETALIATE

The Central News says the Chinese airforce bombed the Japanese airfield at Kwangteh and destroyed ten heavy bombers there and also a Japanese gasoline depot.

One Japanese bomber and three pursuit planes were shot down in air combats when raiding Nanking yesterday.—United Press.

GERMAN MEDIATION COLLAPSE

Berlin, Jan. 10.
It is understood that after a week of secret negotiations the German Ambassadors in China and Japan failed in their attempts to mediate in the Far East conflict.—United Press.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Radiant Spinsters

Spinsters are more criticised than war chiefs, and perhaps more discussed than the Far Eastern situation or the Income-tax.

Some say we are selfish because we prefer our freedom, and others, having successfully gained a husband themselves, pity us because there are not enough men to go round; and still others fear us as dangerous females, smartly dressed, with plenty of leisure, ready to give consolation to another harassed woman's husband at the slightest provocation.

But the radiant spinsters of to-day lead the world. Women who, if they have not got homes and husbands, have their jobs which often benefit large numbers of people, and into which the richness of a personality, with time for leisure and cultural activity, can be poured.

Take a look at some of the leading spinsters of to-day.

Brown-haired Caroline Haslett started as a 10s a week apprentice in an engineering office, and now earns a four-figure salary as Director of the Electrical Association for Women, and is head of 7,000 women.

Popular Margery Fry, ex-Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, is a keen penal reformer. She was a great favourite with the students at Oxford.

The Hon. Dorothy Paget is worth several millions. Once she owned a fleet of racing cars, now she is a big racehorse owner.

And who is happier than Edith Evans, the actress? "I'm happiest doing work I love, surrounded by people I love," she said.

And then there are thousands of spinsters, not so eminent, but who, nevertheless contribute their share to modern life.

The Modern Maiden Aunts

There may no longer be maiden aunts to look after little nieces and nephews, when mother is ill or busy, but these same aunts are now living in bachelor flats, as office workers, professional or technical workers holding together the vast structure of modern industry, women who manage to get lots of kick out of life, with their theatre parties, week-end cottages, socials, and often foreign travels.

And, of course, we must not forget the bachelor woman living at home with an invalid or aged parent, and perhaps helping to keep the home going.

She may not, in fact does not, lead the glamorous life of her freer sister, but who can measure the value of the worth of her spinsters, ordinary everyday spinsters—lead—the world. Gone are the days when the unmarried daughter was a liability, and gone are the days when she was just tolerated. She is not only an asset, she is top of the pole!

M. B.

Cooking Hints

SAVE the best leaves from celery tops and dry them in the oven until they are quite brittle. When rubbed into powder and stored in stoppered bottles, they are excellent for flavouring purposes.

When reheating a meat or fruit pie, place the dish in a greaseproof bag, for then the crust will not be hard when the pie is hot.

Instead of putting in the usual orange or banana when making jelly, try adding a grated dessert apple just before it sets, as it is delicious served with or without cream.

When making pastry that is to be served cold, use milk instead of water, for the pastry will then keep short and crisp much longer.

To prevent pastry from rising and spoiling the appearance of custard tarts, spread butter on the pastry before putting in the custard mixture.

Sausages will not burst if fried in butter or lard. Allow the fat to become fairly hot, put in the sausages and turn them over lengthwise with a broad knife.

Fruit pies will not be spilt by juice running out if the sugar is put in the pie-dish before the fruit instead of on top.

A cake, which sticks to the tin can usually be loosened by placing the sides and bottom in a bowl of boiling water.

Candied peel, glace cherries, and preserved ginger will chop more easily if warmed slightly beforehand. Similarly, parsley will chop quite easily if first washed in cold water, placed in a small basin, and covered with boiling water for ten minutes.

Before frying onions, boil them for ten minutes and this will prevent them from burning and turning black.

When cooking fish, fill the pan with cold water containing a tablespoonful of vinegar, for this will prevent the usual odour.

Use a tablespoonful of golden syrup instead of white sugar when stewing apples, figs, or prunes, and the juice will be thicker and sweeter.

When cooking vegetables, add a small knob of butter or dripping to the boiling water as this helps them to cook quickly and brings out their full flavour, besides preventing the water boiling over.

G. G. T.



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The Queen's new Overall

QUEEN ELIZABETH is a true housewife and takes a personal interest in the supervision of her Palace and Castle homes. She has just bought an attractive and practical overall. It is cut on the lines of an artist's smock, and slips on like a coat, being loose enough to wear comfortably over any dress or suit; a Latin Quarter bow of black ribbon fastens it at the neck, and there is one button half-way down the front.

All the edges, including those of the two large pockets, are finished with grace binding; the overall is made of painted linen figured, and has a gay pastoral design "after William Morris" in red, green, blue, brown and white.

Home Page Cook tells Mrs. Wimblestraw

Some home truths about (a) herrings (b) pheasants

YOU were hoping you would run into me, were you, Mrs. Wimblestraw?

You have succeeded beyond your wildest dreams. You nearly knocked me over.

That is what comes of trying to remember a recipe, is it? Then refrain from attempting such feats of memory outside the security of the home.

It was a recipe about herrings, was it? And it began, "Ask your fishmonger to fillet the herrings." Then forget it!

If I asked my fishmonger to fillet herrings for me, he would probably never speak to me again. Since I admire his talents as a conversationalist, I have always refrained from asking him such a silly question.

YOU can try to fillet your own herrings if you like, but I don't advise it. You know how one is apt to eat a fillet of fish without any fear of the consequences. One has a simple faith in all the bones being gone.

Now, a herring has a lot of awkward little bones, and you would probably leave some of them in it, my fumbling old Wimblestraw. You see the point, don't you? I should like you to feel it.

If you are anxious for a change from the plainly fried and grilled, sprinkle the herrings with pepper and salt, coat them well with oat-

meal, and fry them in plenty of the best dripping.

DID you know that you can cook them without any fat at all except their own? You want a thick iron frying-pan for this. Cover the bottom with a good layer of salt, lay the herrings on this, and cook them slowly.

If you try to speed them up they will stick. Herrings cooked in this way are so delicious that many people, once they have tried it, can hardly be persuaded to revert to any other method.

You are gazing at me with a dubious eye, Mrs. Wimblestraw. It pains me, because I always tell the truth about herrings.

WHAT is that? Some one has sent you a pheasant, and can I—? Certainly, dear lady. Any day, except Friday. Oh, I am so sorry. I thought you were asking me to dine.

You merely want instructions as to how to tell whether the bird is young or old. I am extra-ordinarily good at telling the age of anything. Quite an embarrassing accomplishment sometimes, as you should be the first to admit, old dear.

From your description of its gay plumage you have obviously been sent a cock pheasant. The tale of its age is in its spurs. If these are short and blunt the bird is at its tenderest and in its first season. If they are still short, but pointed, it is a second-season bird. If they are not only pointed but long, I fear that the person who sent the pheasant to you is no true friend. Invite him (or her) to come and dine off it.

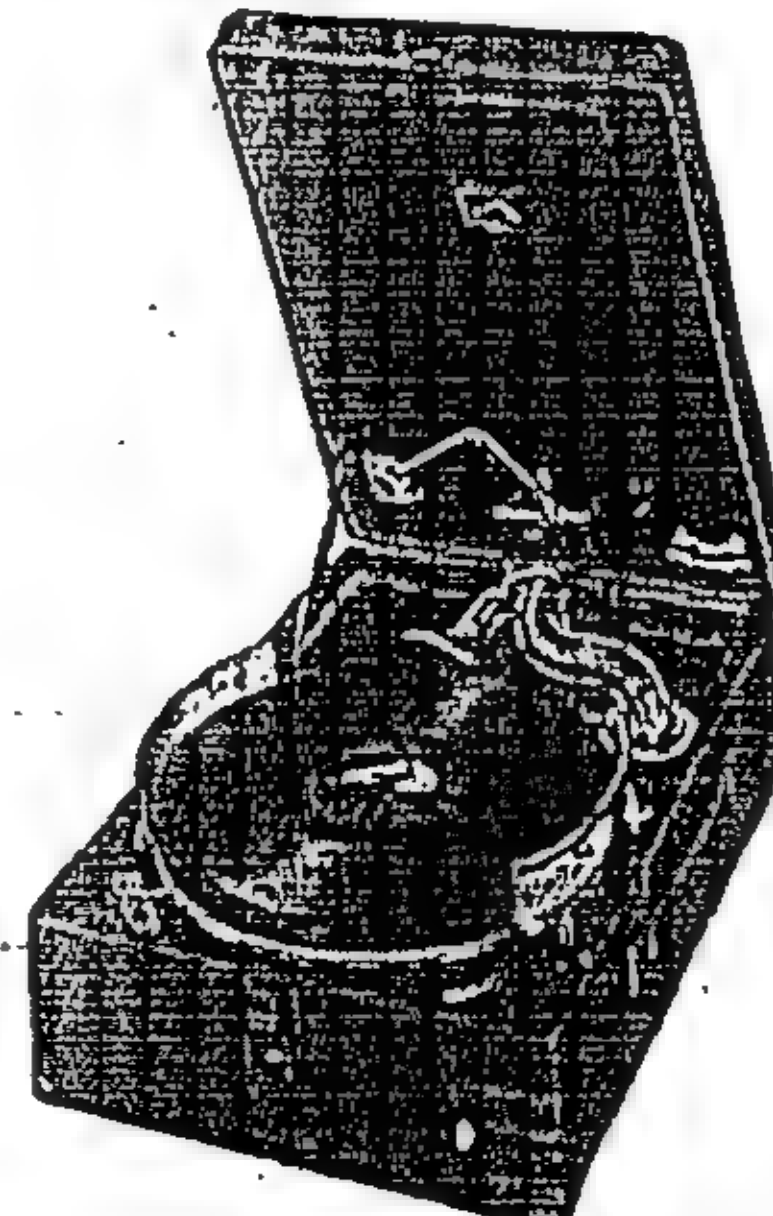
How long should a pheasant be hung? In this cold weather, at least a week.

YOU have heard of Cumberland rum butter, and are most anxious to try it? You would be.

Warm ½ lb. each of butter and Demerara sugar in a basin, cream them, and add three tablespoonfuls of rum and a little grated nutmeg.

Beat the mixture well together, and put into shallow glass jars. Spread it like jam on biscuits. But not too thickly, please, Mrs. Wimblestraw.

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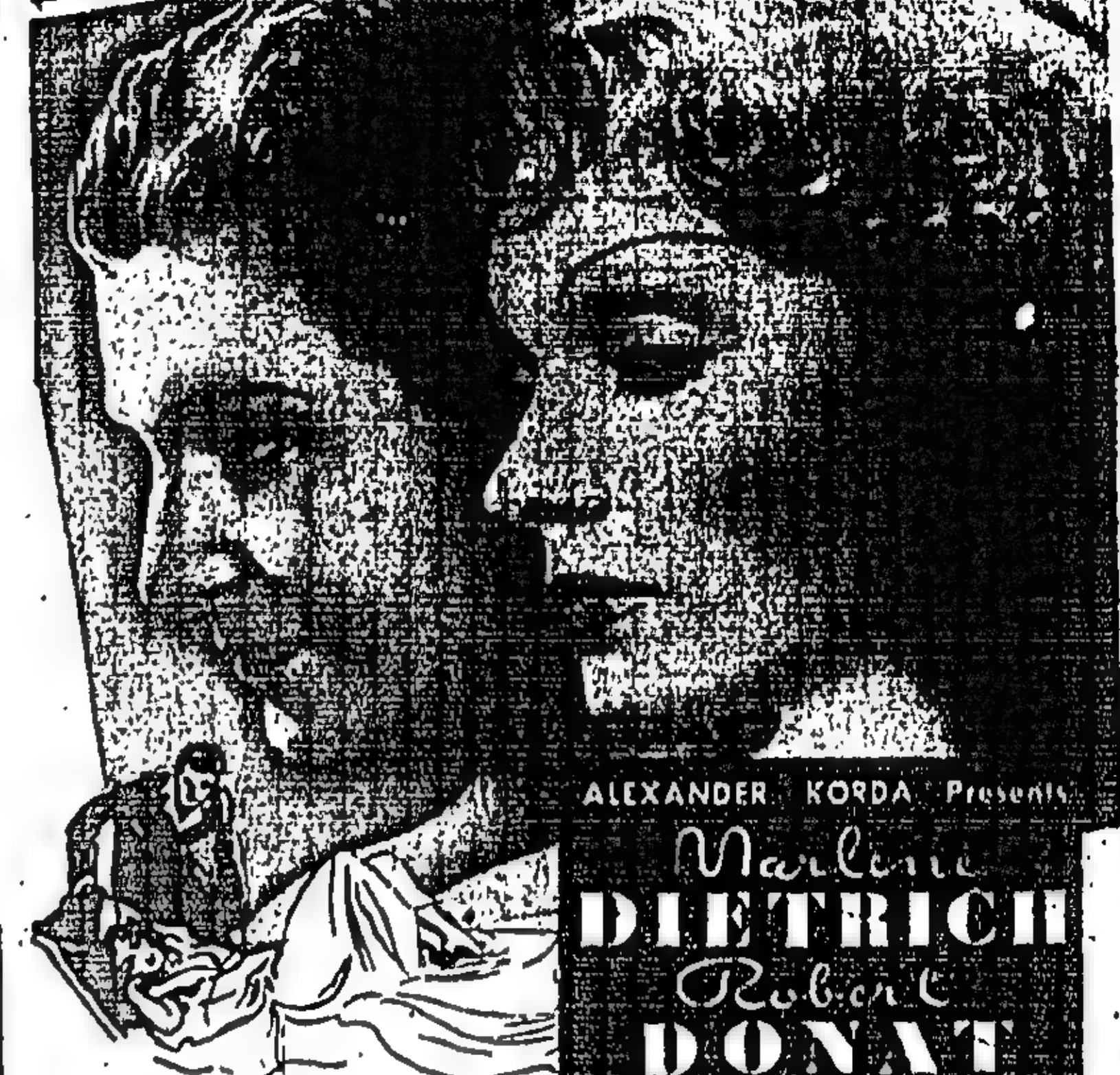
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Two Men And A White Flag: 'Gen. Togo' Talks

By JOHN RICKMAN

Twenty-three years after he planned and carried out one of the most audacious campaigns of the Great War, Lieut.-Col. Frederick Carkeet Bryant—"General Togo" to 1914 War Office chiefs—received, recently the first public tribute to his coup.

Within a few days of the outbreak of war he bluffed the Germans out of the key positions in Togoland. It was a master stroke which resulted in the fall of Kamenia, then the second biggest wireless station in the world.

The story was first told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Determined to find this man whose praises had been so tardily sung, I inquired for him near Market Harborough, where, until recently, he has ridden hard to hounds year after year, but it was in sordid clutches of an armchair in the Bath Club that I finally ran him to earth.

"Tog kept me here"—his words came to me through the haze of afternoon tobacco smoke. "Lucky to catch me. Let's go somewhere fresher." We did, and as we walked he told me...

"I was in Kumasi at the beginning of August 14. Both my chief and the second in command were in England, and I, a captain in the Gold Coast Frontier Force, was senior officer in their absence.

"I realised that speed was essential, so I cabled the Colonial Office that I was going to act. Togoland being a neighbour to the Gold Coast and a German possession, I knew I had to do something about it.

FORCE OF 1,000
"I gave orders at once to a Captain Barker and a Mr. Newlands, who was attached to the political branch of the Colonial Service, to go to Lome, the German port, and carrying a white flag to enter the town and tell the Germans that large forces were advancing on the town from several directions.

"They did this. There was a heated discussion during the night between the Germans, but at last they

left the town in the early hours. "When I heard that my plan had succeeded and that the Germans had even been bluffing into leaving their rifles behind, I shipped my entire force of 1,000 natives and a few French, police and white volunteers, from Accra to Lome.

"We pushed up country from Lome, scrapping all the time. I bluffed again, and our opponents vacated Kamenia, thus leaving their vitally important radio station in our hands. Kamenia was in nightly touch with Berlin, even in those days.

"And that," said "General Togo," "is all I can say about that. Never talk about it as a rule."

"This is how Sir Reginald Hoskins, who was at the Colonial Office during the war, told the story at the Ashridge Fellowship recently.

"One day we received a code message from a young subaltern in the Cameroons, who had under his command 'two men and a boy,' announcing that he was going to take Togoland.

"While we were preparing a suitable cable to send him another cable arrived saying that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. The next morning another message arrived saying that he had attacked and that all was well.

"By this time we called him 'General Togo.'"

Lord Davidson said that the young officer's telegram was, "Togoland surrendered to me 8 a.m."



PRINCESS WEDS WRESTLER—Despite her father's threat to disinherit her, Princess Baba, youngest daughter of the British Rajah of Sarawak, in northern Borneo, was married to Bob Gregory, claimant of the European heavyweight wrestling title. Above, they leave the Marylebone registry office, London, after the ceremony. She gave her name as Valeria Brooke.

Rich Boy Finds Life As Hobo Too Tough

New York.

Alfred Knopf, junior son of a prominent and wealthy New York publisher, sat in Salt Lake City Police Station recently, his feet bare and grimy, his shirt and trousers torn.

Knopf disappeared recently. Police of eight States, urged by his parents who feared that their son might have been kidnapped, searched for him.

Late one night detectives found him at Salt Lake City, and took him to jail. Then Knopf sent a telegram to his father asking for money.

Knopf said that he had tried the life of a vagrant and hobo for a week. He found it tough.

"I hitch-hiked through half a dozen towns searching for a job.

CHILD'S LIFE VALUED BY A POEM

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord quoted verses on life (Du Maurier 1834-1896)—in the King's Bench Division recently, when awarding £1,500 damages to the father and twin sister of a child street accident victim for the loss of the normal expectation of her life.

The child, Hilda Peggy Trubyfield, aged eight, was run over in a Cheltenham street last February by a Great Western Railway Company dray. The judge quoted:

"A little work, a little play
To keep us going—
And so, good day.
"A little warmth, a little light
Of love's bestowing—
And so, good night.
"A little fun to match the sorrow
Of each day's going—
And so, good morning."

Claims were made by the father, Thomas Charles Trubyfield, and the twin sister, Joyce Muriel Trubyfield, of Swinton Road, Cheltenham. Joyce sought damages for the shock suffered, at seeing Hilda killed.

ON THEIR WAY HOME

The children were on their way home in Swinton Road when Hilda collided with the horse and dray, which was emerging from a yard and crossing the pavement.

The railway company denied that their driver was negligent, and pleaded that there was contributory negligence on the part of the child.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord found that the only effective negligence was that of the driver of the dray.

He said the claim for the loss of the normal expectation of life presented a difficult problem. The period by which her life had been shortened was the difference between her age at death and the normal span of life of such a girl.

Everybody had a sort of general notion of the likelihood of life, and everybody was a little inclined to look on the optimistic side.

What had really to be valued was life as a whole, with all its various incidents, and apparently with certain strict restrictions.

TERRORS OF CHILD LIFE

In regard to a very young infant, the question of probability had to be taken very seriously into account, because any infant had to meet all the terrors of child life and such ailments.

What was life going to be worth to a healthy young woman as the child might have become, earning her own living with dependent parents to whom she would be discharging her duty, and with some prospects of marriage?

Stay of execution was granted, pending notice of appeal.

AROUND THE EMPIRE AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA

Sydney. The Federal Government has decided to abandon Rabaul as the capital of the mandated territory of New Guinea.

The decision, which was announced to-day in the speech of Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General, at the opening of the new Parliament, has been taken because of the danger from volcanic eruptions.

Rabaul, the chief town of New Britain Island, was visited by a disastrous eruption in May. An expert on volcanoes, from the Dutch East Indies, has reported that the town will be always liable to a recurrence.

The future capital has not yet been definitely decided upon. It is believed, however, that it will be Salamaua.

Attitude to Anglo-U.S. Talks.—Lord Gowrie declared, in his speech at the opening of Parliament, that the Australian Government would welcome a cordial understanding between Great Britain and the United States. Australia was prepared to play her part in the conclusion of a satisfactory understanding provided Australian interests were adequately safeguarded.

£3,000,000 Loan.—The new international public works loan of £3,000,000, the issue of which was announced by Mr. R. G. Casey, Commonwealth Treasurer, yesterday, has been well received.

Referendum in Victoria.—Mr. Dunstan, Premier of Victoria, proposes, with Socialist support, to submit the Legislative Council Reform Bill to a referendum in February or March should the Council fail to accept it.

Infantile Paralysis.—The thousandth case and the 57th death in the infantile paralysis outbreak in Victoria have just been reported. The epidemic started at the end of June. The State Government has invited Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the Australian nurse, whose method of treatment was tried by the L.C.C. in July, to visit Victoria and give her advice.

INDIA

SERIOUS SITUATION IN CANNPORE

Calcutta. The labour unrest fostered in the past few months by agitators in Cawnpore, United Provinces, threatens to reach a crisis. The mill-owners have withdrawn recognition of the Mazdur Sabha organisation, which purports to represent the mill-workers.

During the whole of this year the cotton mills have been in a ferment, strike following strike without any shadow of justification.

The secretary of the Mazdur Sabha and 13 other persons were to-day prohibited by the District Magistrate from publishing pamphlets or making speeches for two months.

Sir Harry Haig, the Governor of the United Provinces, is now in Cawnpore endeavouring to prevent an ugly situation becoming worse.

SOUTH AFRICA

'DICK WHITTINGTON' OF THE RAND

Cape Town. Mr. Charles Walters, known as the "Dick Whittington of the Rand," who has been Mayor of Johannesburg and was a City Councillor for 20 years, has died at the age of 71.

He was born in England, and arrived in Johannesburg penniless in the days of the pioneers. He started as a vegetable seller, and later became a director of the city's largest brickmaking firm.

Arrest of Natives.—The Union Commissioner of Police has issued a circular to all police officers to use less force when arresting natives.

Earl Howe's Loss.—Earl Howe, the racing motorist, who arrived in Cape Town on Friday, lost a parcel on his way to the Rand. It contained his driving licences, passport, and return steamer ticket.

Named After Lord Nuffield.—A new township at Springs on the Rand has been named after Lord Nuffield.

STATE CINEMA FOR BURMA

Calcutta. A State cinema and a State school of fine arts are the features of the education policy of the present Government of Burma.

The policy includes a State translation bureau to create cheap, popular and abundant Burmese literature on subjects of mass interest and importance.—Reuter.

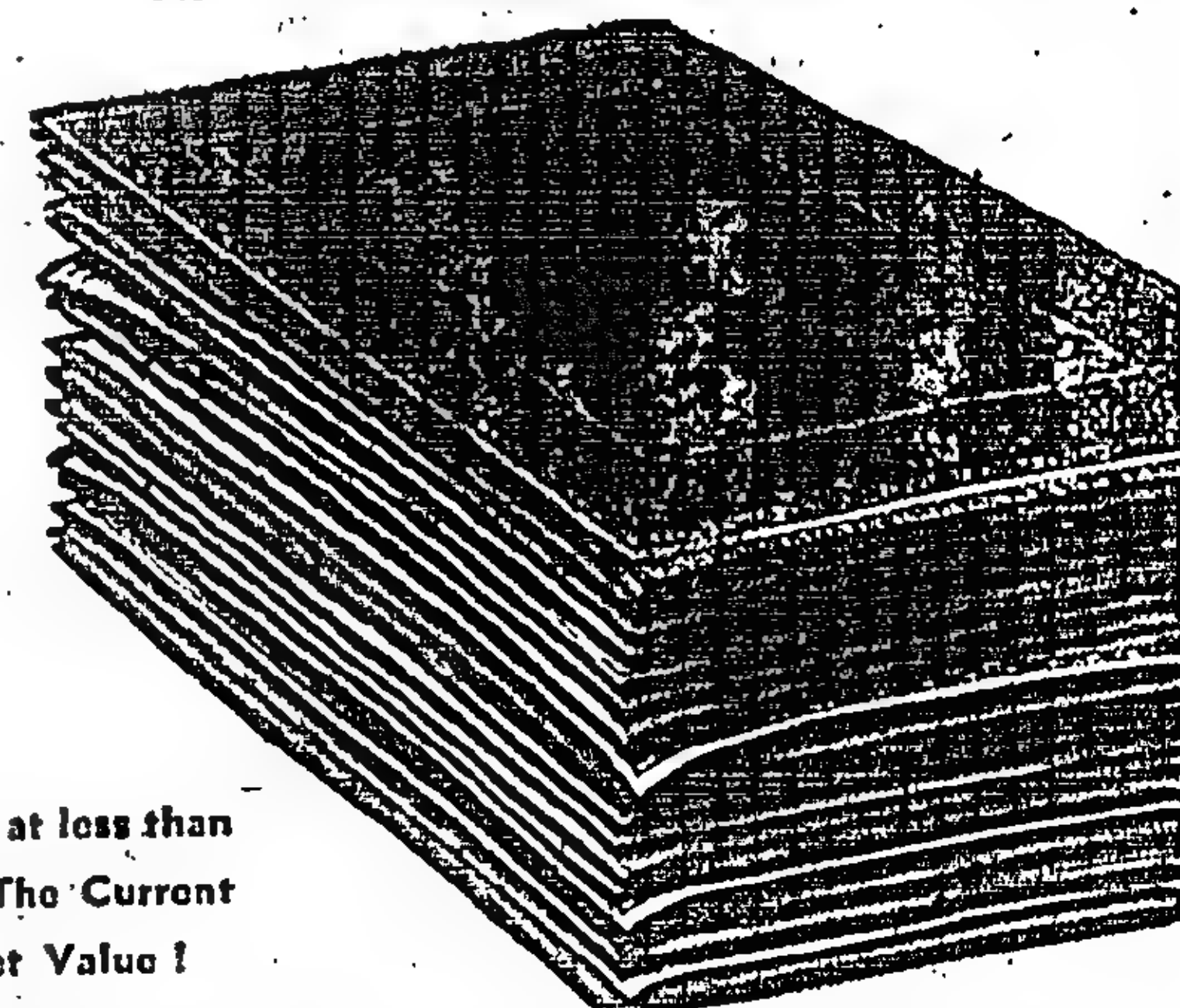
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NANNING RAID PROTEST

Paris, Jan. 10. Authoritative circles have indicated that it is possible the French Government will protest to Japan with regard to the bombing of the French Catholic Mission during an air raid on Nanning.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH REWARD DIVIDED

Over 100 Persons Share \$25,000

Trenton, N.J., Jan. 10. The Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Harold Hoffman, to-day divided the \$25,000 reward for the capture of the Lindbergh baby's kidnapper among over 100 persons. The largest share was \$7,500, and went to Walter Lyle, former New York patrol station operator.

It was Lyle who identified the note which led to the arrest and ultimate conviction of Richard Bruno Hauptmann, who was executed for the crime.

The second largest share, \$5,000, went to William Allen, a negro truck driver, who discovered the body of the baby.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Talks About Bigger Navy

Washington, Jan. 10. President F. D. Roosevelt summoned State and Navy Department officials for a further discussion on the proposed supplementary naval building programme.

White House officials state that it will be several days before President Roosevelt sends his expected message to Congress, concerning the programme.—Reuter.

Bomb Plotters Discovered

Paris, Jan. 11. A number of arrests have been made in connection with the bomb outrage of December 9 last when explosions occurred in two headquarters of employers near the Arch of Triumph in Paris resulting in the death of two policemen.

The Surete has discovered the identity of the men involved in the bombing, it is reported.—Reuter.

NOT MUCH HEADWAY

Budapest, Jan. 11. No communique was issued at the end of yesterday's talks between Austrian, Italian and Hungarian diplomats here.

The general impression seems to be that not much headway was made. It is regarded as fairly certain that neither Austria nor Hungary will leave the League of Nations to join the anti-Comintern pact, which is believed to be Italy's hope in attending the conference.

All Europe is watching developments at Budapest with concern, for it is quite possible that this meeting will be the preliminary to some new political alignment.—Reuter.

MARK SILVER JUBILEE

Congratulations will be showered upon Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Xavier, two Portuguese residents of the Colony, to-morrow on the occasion of the celebration of their Silver Jubilee.

A prominent member of the Portuguese community, Mr. Xavier has made himself a familiar figure here as managing director of the Hongkong Printing Press Ltd. and also by his many acts of benevolence. He has associated himself with the charitable works of his community, and was formerly a member of the committee of the Club de Recreio and the Liga Portuguesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Xavier intend to spend their Silver Jubilee quietly with a family gathering.

ITALIAN LABOUR FOR GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 11. A large number of Italian farm hands, probably 30,000, will be brought to Germany in order to assist German peasants, according to an agreement entered into between the two nations.

There has recently been a noticeable shortage of farm hands in Germany owing to the heavy demands of the four-year plan.

The Italian labourers will be mainly engaged in the cultivation of potatoes, sugar and beans.—Reuter.

A carpenter named Kwong Wah was this morning sent to goal for three weeks by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy for stealing a wrist watch from another carpenter. The charge was admitted.

LATEST STRATEGY EXPECTED TO REAP RICH REWARD

Hope To Lure Invaders Into The Interior

Hankow, Jan. 11.

A few weeks ago, or about four months after the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities, guerilla warfare tactics were popularly adopted by all troops in China, though they were first only employed by the former communist armies in the Shansi province. Now the general tendency is for the re-organisation of almost all the Chinese national troops and provincial troops into guerilla units.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has repeatedly announced that China is sure of eventual victory because she is ready to engage in widespread guerilla warfare with the Japanese when the invaders have been dragged into the vast plains, river valley and mountain ranges of the interior.

Information from all fronts, at present in Shantung, Shansi, Chekiang and central Anhwei, reveals that all commanders in charge of respective fronts have been given the duty of re-organising their troops into guerilla units under the direction of the highest military command.

Admiral Shen Hung-fu, Mayor of Tsin-tao on New Year's Eve because he was instructed to organise his bluejackets into guerilla units to meet the invaders in the Chushien-Yishui area, south-east of Shantung.

General Han Fu-chu, Shantung's Governor, is busy despatching rear forces even north of the Yellow River, to say nothing of the Japanese rear forces in the Yen-chow and Tsin-tai districts.

Chinese troops defending central Anhwei, namely the Penpu and Hotel areas have all been re-organised into guerilla units.

Chinese vanguards both on the southern and northern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line are said only to control a narrow belt along the railway. Chinese guerilla troops are immediately outside the "belts" giving the Japanese troops constant harassings. In the same manner Chinese guerilla units are attacking cities near Hangchow and near Tai-yuan. The entire 29th army under

THE SHANGHAI BLUNDER

General Yeh Chien-ying, Chief of Staff of the former 1st, or Eighth Route Army, commented as early as August last that in the present war China should adopt guerilla or mobile tactics instead of positional tactics. He observed that the chief reason for the collapse of the 29th army was their ignorance of mobile tactics. He advocated mobile tactics chiefly on the ground that China lacks effective heavy weapons with which to resist the Japanese bombardments. Long before the Chinese retreat from Shanghai he pointed out the inadvisability of positional tactics by the Chinese defence forces in the Shanghai sector.

In the meantime they had the remarkable fact that in northern Shansi the Eighth Route Army appeared ever victorious and furthermore were able to maintain their positions far behind the Japanese lines. As an instance, he said, the former Red guerilla troops were still maintaining their strongholds in northern Shansi. These facts serve as material examples for leading the re-organisation

SOVIET RAID ON BISHOPS

Twenty-One Arrested, Charged With Espionage

Moscow, Jan. 10. Twenty-one bishops have been arrested since the end of November, according to the Soviet press.

The most important heads of the Russian Church, including the acting Patriarch and Metropolitan Bishop, Sergei Krutitski, and Father Vilay, chief of the Soviets, new-fangled "Living Church" are denounced in the newspaper Gorki Commune, and have probably been arrested.

The charges include organising a network of espionage and terrorist circles connected with the Fascist intelligence service.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the wireless station—Pacific, Klungchow, Durban, Maru, Shaloon, Shantung, Empress of Japan, Potadam, Andre Lebon, President Garfield, Taiyuan, Haiyang, Shantung.

of other national troops into guerilla forces.

FOUR GOLDEN RULES

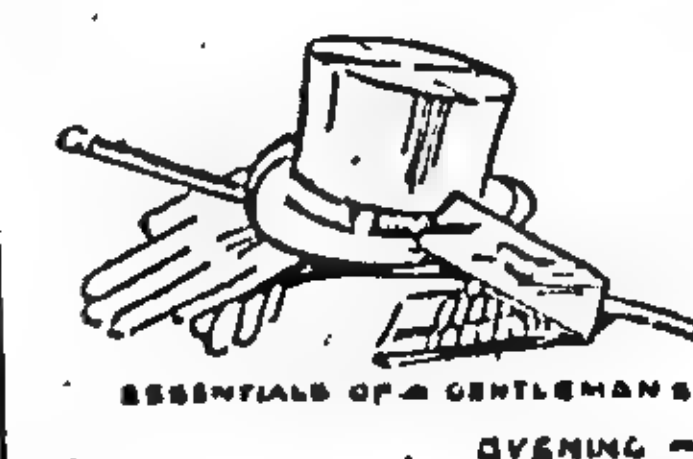
The principles of the guerilla tactics in China are very simple. Guerilla strategists state that the golden rules consist only of four points: firstly that whenever the enemy is coming to retreat, secondly whenever the enemy is stationed anywhere to harass, thirdly whenever the enemy is evasive, to attack, fourthly whenever the enemy is in retreat to drive to kill.

Besides the Government guerilla forces, there are about 20,000 guerilla volunteers drawn from civilians in the Peiping, Tientsin and Pootung areas. Commander Yang Pao-ming should be considered the "father" of the guerilla forces around Peiping, because the first unit he commanded ex-servicemen, and they had only one ancient Russian hunting gun and 30 bullets. Yang Pao-ming now has thousands of men in northern Hopei constantly waylaying enemy units, seizing Japanese weapons in surprise attacks and destroying munitions, aeroplanes and tanks.

All the Chinese military authorities and the people believe that the farther the Japanese troops penetrate into China the more dangerous it will be for the Japanese lines of communications and the less chance they will have of victory.—United Press.

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H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), 2,857 b.	
Chartered Bank, 212 1/2 n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. 220 n.	
Mercantile Bank, C. 214 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$22 n.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., \$270 n.	
Union Ins., \$510 n.	
China Underwriters, \$150 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$235 n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$514 b.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$9 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$51 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$43 n.	
Shell Bearer, \$9 1/4 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$114 b.	
H.K. & W. Docks, \$27 1/2 n.	
Providents (old), \$2 b.	
Providents (new), 20 cts. b.	
New Engineering, Sh.—	
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—	
Kallan Mining Adm., 10/6 n.	
Raub, \$8.10 n.	
Venz, Goldfield, \$5 n.	
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. a.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamok, P.—	
Atoks, P. 20 1/2 n.	
Bagulo Gold, P. 18 1/2 n.	
Benguet Consol., P. 9/60 n.	
Benguet Explor., P.—	
Big Wedge, P.—	
Coco Grove, P. 49 n.	
Consolidated Mines, P. 0.11	
Demonstrations, P.—	
E. Mindanao, P.—	
Gumaus G'fields, P.—	
Ipo Gold, P.—	
I.X.L., P.—	
Ilogons, P.—	
Mabute Consols., P.—	
Min. Resources, P.—	
Northern Min., P.—	
Paracale Gumaus, P. 1/6 n.	
Salacot Mining, P.—	
San Mauricio, P.—	
Suyoc Consol., P. 1/6 n.	
United Paracales, P. 4 1/2 n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	

H. and S. Hotels, \$5.20 b.
H.K. Lands, 1 1/2 n.
H.K. Lands, 4 1/2 Deben, \$100 n.
Shai Lands, Sh.—
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—
Humphries, \$8.50 b.
H.K. Realities, \$4 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.
China Realities, Sh.—
China Deben, —

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, \$13.70 b.
Peak Trams (old), 7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new), 3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries, \$80 b.
Yau-mat Ferries (old), 24 1/2 n.
China Light (old), \$10.45 b.
China Light (new), 7 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric, \$52 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, 10 1/2 b.
Sardakana Lights, \$14 1/2 n.
Telephone (old), \$26 n.
Telephone (new), \$8.35 b.
China Buses, Sh.—
Singapore Traction, 23/9 n.
Singapore Pre., 23/- n.

Industrials

Cold: Mack, (old), Sh.—
Cold: Macg. (Pre.), Sh.—
Canton Ice, \$1.70 s.
Cement, \$12.00 b.
H.K. Ropes, \$3.75 b.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, \$23 1/2 b.
Watsons \$4.70 b.
Lane Crawford, \$8.80 n.
Sincere, \$17 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. n.
Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$11 n.
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. \$60 n.
Zong Sing, Sh.—
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—
Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainments, 5 1/2 n.
Constructions, 1 1/2 b.
Vibro Piling, \$0 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1915 G'dds. 74% b.
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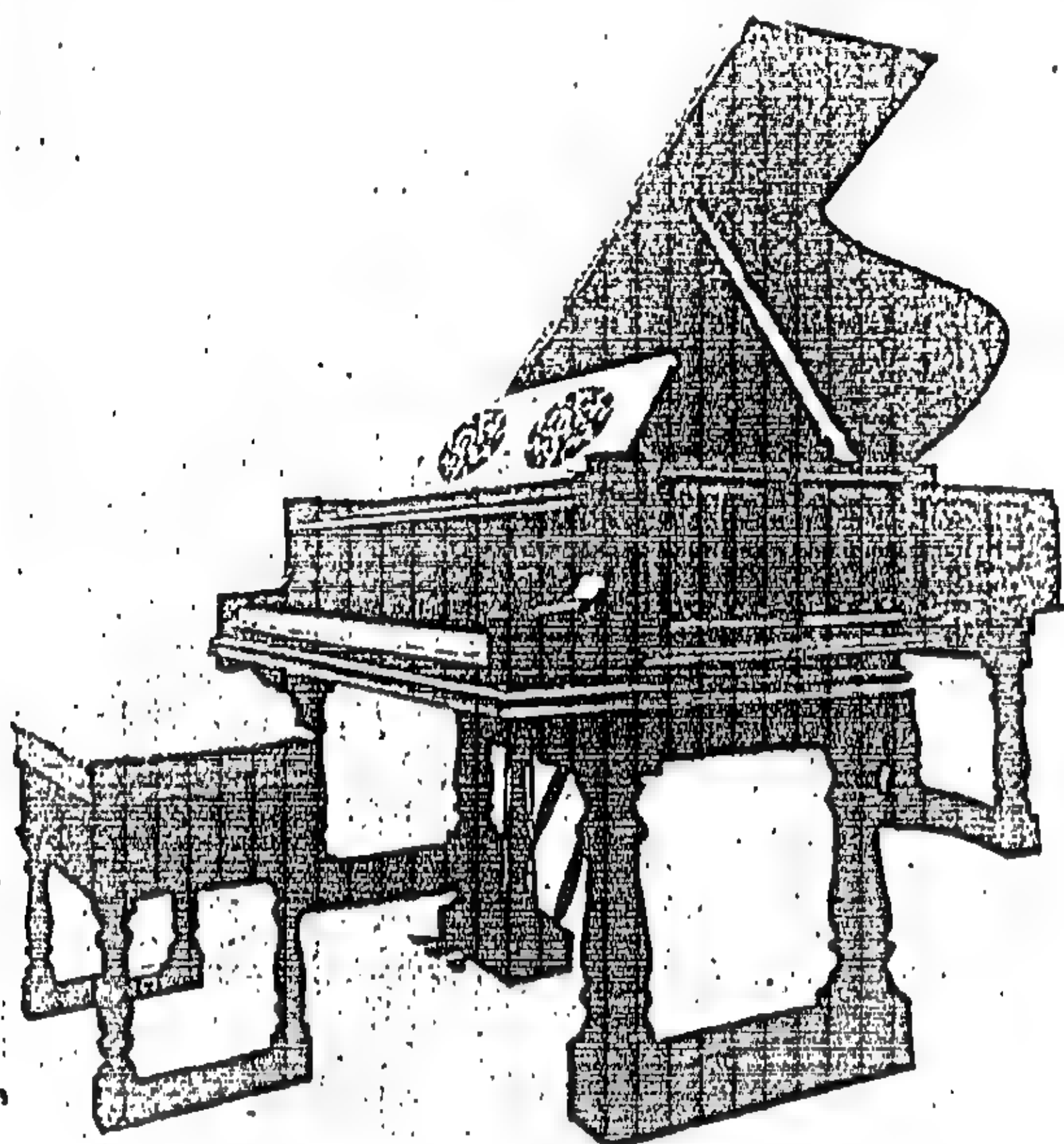
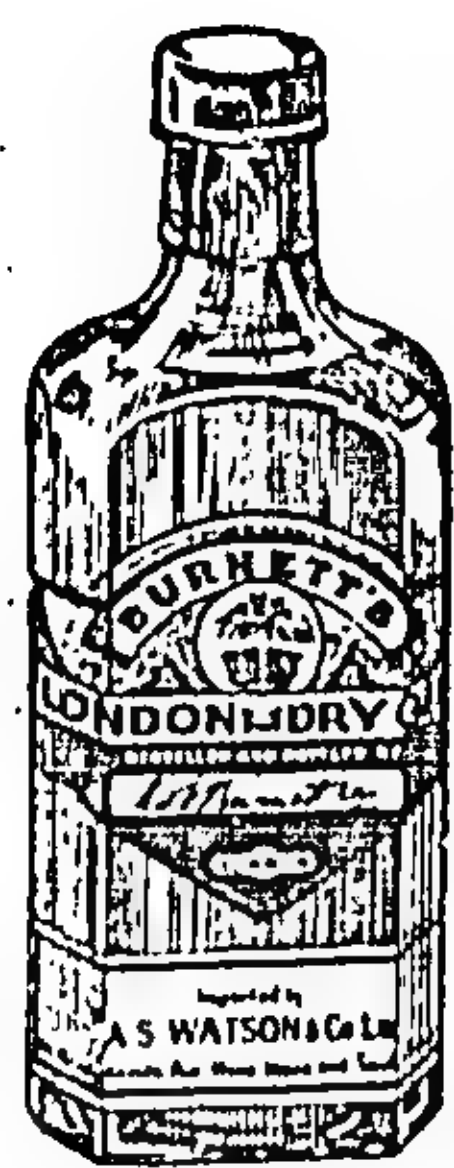
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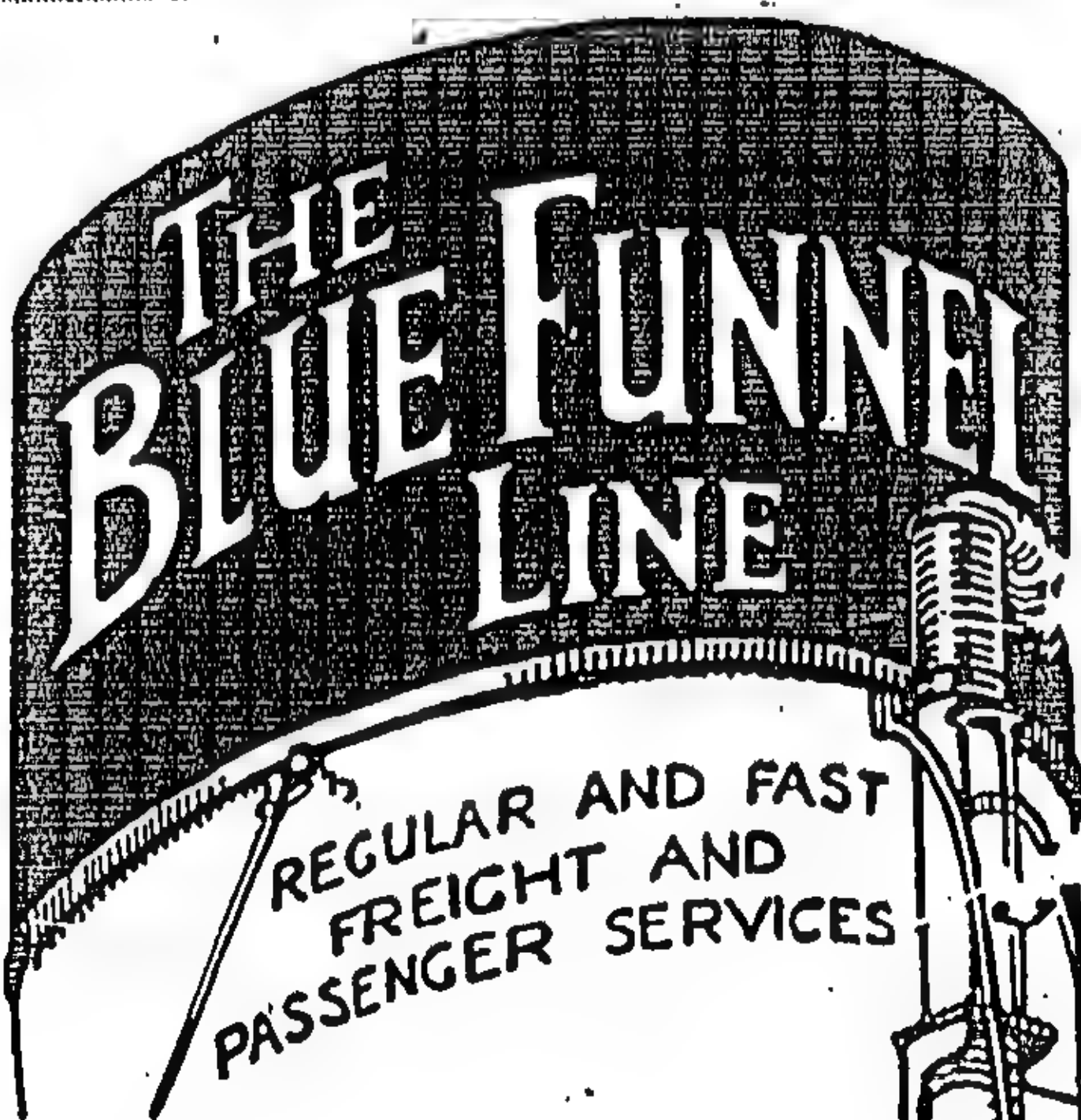
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MARRIAGE

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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1938.

WORKER WONDERS "WHY?"

M. Paul van Zeeland, one-time Belgian Prime Minister, and first-class economist, has been studying world economic ills with a view to suggesting to responsible governments methods for curing the complaints. This will delight the wizards of finance and the worshippers of abstruse economic theories, and will leave the humble worker cold. While the leaders of industry, commerce and finance lick their lips and bare their teeth ready to rend in pieces M. van Zeeland's cure for economic ills, the worker will try to go on working, pausing only to wonder why, in this so-called civilised world, his home and family should be daily threatened by war, unemployment, civil strife, loss of personal freedom, religious persecution, and the rest of the depressing daily concomitants which comprise the "Twentieth Century Blues".

It has long been insisted that intelligent public opinion alone can save democracy. The contribution of the intelligentsia towards the moulding of this opinion has been the presentation of political, social, economic and financial theories, so involved and complex that they severed the ranks of their protagonists and left the worker begging for a statement of faith and action which he can comprehend. The world, having built up its gigantic and bewildering systems, is now defeated by its own creeds, and left floundering in its attempts to discover the solution through national cures, camouflaged in international trappings.

It is quite possible that M. van Zeeland's proposals, when they are made known, will go a very long way towards the alleviation of existing distress. But the more realistically-minded will recall that the World Economic Conference held out just as much hope and

THESE PLANTS GO MAD



The animal world has some strange creatures, but for monsters take a look at the plant world

PLANTS which "go mad" and

sprawling in unpredictable shapes, grow side by side with members of exactly the same botanic group of which the symmetry and colouring are unique in nature; others imitating stones to protect themselves from birds; strange growths prolonging their lives by feeding on themselves; minute vegetable organisms developing at the rate of less than an ounce in 100 years—such are just a few of the marvels of a nursery I have seen at Laindon, Essex.

Its owner is Mr. T. M. Edean and, in a way, he is something of a marvel himself.

His story, covering 50 years of cactus and succulent plant growing, illuminates the progress of a working-class Hackney boy from crippledom and blindness to a position unique in the world of botany.

To-day, towards the end of a life which has been, a constant fight with illness, Thomas Edean is still, by practical standards, a poor man, but his greenhouse is a Mecca for botanists from every continent. It is believed to contain the finest general collection of cacti and other succulents in the world.

In 1933 this working-man's nursery was the means of re-establishing 37 varieties of succulent plants in their native African habitat from which they had long vanished. They were unknown elsewhere in the world.

was a complete failure. The W.E.C. demanded sacrifices; and so it failed. M. van Zeeland's suggestions will almost certainly involve sacrifices, and if they do they too will be doomed to similar fate. One finds the same story with the disarmament conferences, and conversely one can easily discover the reason for the success of the Ottawa Conference.

Perhaps Mr. H. G. Wells and his "Open Conspiracy" are Utopian, and maybe pacifists are cowards if judged by certain values, but it does seem that both have hit upon a fundamental demand for the creation of a saner, happier world, when they emphasise the need for a restatement of man's relationship with man. This restatement appears to call for the subordination of self in the interests of the masses—in short, sacrifices. Our present-day systems would have no truck with such sentiment, yet until the nations comprehend the vital necessity of this basic creed, one fears that M. Paul van Zeeland's great efforts will have been made in vain.—S.A.G.

Any preconceived ideas one may have about the cactus and its botanic relatives are quickly upset here.

Three 6-inch spines of the echino cactus emoryi are sufficient to catch a shark, and they are actually used for that purpose by South American natives, who say that an echino hook will hold when a steel hook would break.

On the other hand there are cacti with spines as soft as silk and nearly as fine as gossamer. Climbing over the greenhouse staging is a plant resembling an old-fashioned English clematis. But it's a cactus all the same and is the only leaved kind known.

Another strange succulent in the Edean collection is an echinaria, 40 years old and 3 inches high, which in its true form is an exact replica of a bishop's mitre, but may just as easily take the shape of a pile of haricot beans—if you can imagine haricot beans with points on them. In this form it is known as a refractory plant, one which has probably "thrown back" to the form of an ancestor.

Only rarely can the cactus and succulent grower be sure that

the seeds of a given plant will reproduce the characteristics of the parent form. The new plants may be so fantastically different in outward appearance that only a botanist can ascertain the genus.

And what would you make of a plant the leaves of which only hold to the stem by suction? Such is the crassula compuncta, looking for all the world like a row of buttons threaded on a string. The "buttons" can actually be turned round and round on the stem. There is no direct union, yet they continue to grow.

There are plants which mimic wolves' and tigers' mouths, with canine and feline "teeth." There is a plant, not a cactus, which so perfectly counterfeits that plant as to be indistinguishable therefrom, except by experts. This is the euphorbia, filled with a milk-like fluid which is deadly poison. Natives employ it on spearheads and arrows.

Enthusiasts for cacti and succulent plants divide their attractions under four heads—quaintness of form, symmetry of form, beauty of flower, beauty of foliage.

The loveliest flowers are those whose life is briefest; and how lovely and how brief may be judged by the cereus family, on which one single perfect annual bloom with petals like a glowing silk fringe, appears for seven hours only. At seven in the evening it is opened; by two in the morning it is gone. This flower grows on an eight-foot plant.

At the other extreme I saw succulent plants no bigger than peas, throwing up violet coloured blooms—an inch across—on 2-inch stalks, and these remain in bloom for a fortnight.

But it is in foliage that the succulent plant is unchallengeably supreme. The best specimens in the Edean collection are breath-stopping in their perfection of pure form and colour harmony.

Light, playing on the natural wax coating of the plant, produces infinite gradations of radiant metallic colour, running alike through tall tongue-like leaves or miniature rosettes, according to the nature of the plant, and changing subtly in every inch of surface.

In this section nature takes up the challenge of art and beats it by a mile. I commend it to the attention of modern interior decorators.

To what great age will a succulent grow? No one knows. There is a plant at Laindon—the anacampsis ustulata—which is 3-inches high and 100 years old; and still it grows. It weighs perhaps an ounce.

There is a echino cactus, needing two men to lift it, 130 years old. And there is a leuchtenbergia, one of the few in the world, which was old when Shakespeare died, which may have been growing on a South American bank in the days of the Incas, which still blooms . . . 500 years, Mr. Edean moderately computes, are compressed into the 3½-inch height of its base, to which each new spike thrown up at the crown eventually adds a layer of tissue-paper thickness. Each spike—five appear a year—takes twenty to thirty years to die.

"Do you wonder," asked my pain-racked remarkable guide, "that I have given my life to my plants?"

Stanley Baron

C. R.

THE GAME OF YOUTH

Beauty at the Neckline

THE most interesting game all women play to-day is the game of youth.

There are many, however, who are playing it in a haphazard manner which gives them away as amateurs who have not mastered all the rules. A few of these they know and observe faithfully; others they seem to regard as unimportant, but they console themselves with the thought that in spite of their slipshod manner, they will be regarded as quite good players.

In short, too many women are playing this great game with their faces only, and while a well-cared-for and well-made-up complexion, youthful, curling lashes, a firm contour and the complete absence of wrinkles may carry them triumphantly through the early rounds, the play is not too far distant when the major faults of their play will be obvious for the necks they have given scant attention to while they gave unremitting care to their faces, will break the spell of illusion.

It is extraordinary, yet an undisputed fact that very few necks and faces really match.

Regular Attention

A great many women never give their necks any regular attention with skin-food or massage, with the resultant neglected appearance. The appearance is particularly evident during those months of the year when furs and heavy coats are worn, but it is wise to make a habit of applying a bleaching pack to your neck at regular intervals throughout the year.

These can be purchased already made up in a tube, and twice a week is not too often to apply, especially so if the contrast between neck and face is so obvious. First, open the pores of the skin by wringing out a small towel in hot water, and hold this round your neck for a minute or two, then spread the bleaching paste on freely and leave till it sets dry and firm. Then, rinse off with hot water, using only upward strokes,

at the same time work in a good cold cream, still employing the upward movement with your finger-tips.

Frequent treatment with a suitable oil is good for those necks which have been badly neglected, and in consequence have developed scruffy contours. A teaspoonful of pure olive oil added to the daily diet is Masage when this can be taken. Massage with warmed almond oil is excellent treatment for a thin and wrinkled neck. Steam the neck before commencing treatment, and work the oil gently with firm upward movements. Finish off by sponging with very cold water to which the juice of a lemon has been added.

Simple Exercises

Every woman who takes a pride in her appearance and wants to keep a firm and supple neckline must devote a few minutes every day to these simple exercises. A good one is to throw the head backwards, then bring it forward until the chin touches the chest.

Another is to make the neck take the whole strain of the movement without any assistance from the shoulders. Each day, look over your shoulder a dozen times, without moving your body in any way; this must be done slowly and deliberately.

If your neck has a crepe-like skin you need a good tissue building oil, and this must be massaged gently in, at least, twice a day whenever possible—circumferential movements.

A few minutes massage with a good quality skin-food every night along with the simple head-turning exercises given above, done regularly will bring your neglected neck into a condition matching the school girl complexion of your well-cared-for face.

Take care to work all cream into your skin, any that is not absorbed must be carefully removed, for unless your skin is allowed to breathe freely it will inevitably take on a dull lifeless look, then all your regular exercises and massage treatment will have gone for nothing.

COULD YOU SPOT SIX LOSERS?

Counsel's Challenge In Bets Case

Could you pick six losers in a day's racing?

Counsel threw out this challenge to the jury during the prosecution of a case at the Old Bailey recently.

A retired inspector of the General Police and a postman had told of an alleged betting syndicate in which the public were offered 100 to 1 on a horse against picking a losing horse in six races.

They said that after several losing bets they won—but were not paid. Harold Johnson, aged thirty-seven, company director, pleaded not guilty to obtaining a number of postal orders by false pretences with intent to defraud.

Mr. J. A. Byrne (prosecuting) said that Johnson conducted a business called the "Express Daily Sports Agency," claiming that the agency had made investors 100 to 1 if they named six losing horses were sent out. The circulars also gave a list of rules, one of which stated that letters must be received not later than the set time of the first race.

"HEADS I WIN"

Mr. Byrne alleged that the rules were so framed that so far as the promoter was concerned it was a case of "Heads I win, tails you lose."

Mr. Graham Brooks (defending) invited the jury to try picking six losers.

"Get a morning paper when you retire during the adjournment," he said, "and see if you can pick out six losers in the racing at Manchester to-day. Bear in mind that each horse has to be in a different race, must not be in the first three, and if you pick a horse that does not run you lose your money."

Johnson, who gave evidence, denied in cross-examination that though the rules made it difficult for people to win they "bore the stamp of dishonesty."

An insurance broker said that he had a number of bets with the association. He lost about £22 when Mr. Johnson was charged with an insurance deal with Johnson he called to see him and was paid his winnings in cash.

BISLEY PLANS FOR 1938

N.R.A. MEETING IN JULY

ARMY'S NEW TYPE OF TARGET

The National Rifle Association will hold its 75th annual meeting at Bisley camp from Monday, July 4 to Saturday, July 16, on which day the final of the King's Prize will take place in the afternoon.

The prize distribution will follow soon after the last shot is fired.

The National Smallbore meeting will take place during the first week of Bisley, July 4 to 9, on the Running Deer range.

The meetings of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Marine Rifle Associations will occupy Bisley ranges during the week immediately preceding the Imperial meeting, known as the "Services" week.

The Territorial Army will hold its meeting from July 3 and for the first three days of the Imperial meeting.

The Royal Force Rifle Association will hold its central meeting on Bisley ranges during the week beginning May 30.

The rifle allowed for the use at the N.R.A. meeting will be the same as for 1937. The Australian heavy barrel S.M.L.E. rifle, used by the Australian rifle team at the Commonwealth meeting this year, and which they won the Empire and Kangaroo medals, may only be used by bona fide Australian competitors.

P. 14 RIFLES FOR SALE

The Government has now released for sale 2,000 pattern 1914 rifles known as the "P. 14"—which type may be used in all competitions open to the S.M.L.E. rifle—i.e., rifle fitted with sling and peep sight, both of which can be used as an aid to accuracy.

The N.R.A. Council hopes shortly to be able to provide spare barrels of private manufacture, and of Government specification, for sale to private owners of "P. 14" rifles who require new barrels, at a price within reach of all. The N.R.A. has still on hand a number of "P. 14" rifles, which can be hired either by the day or year at a modest charge.

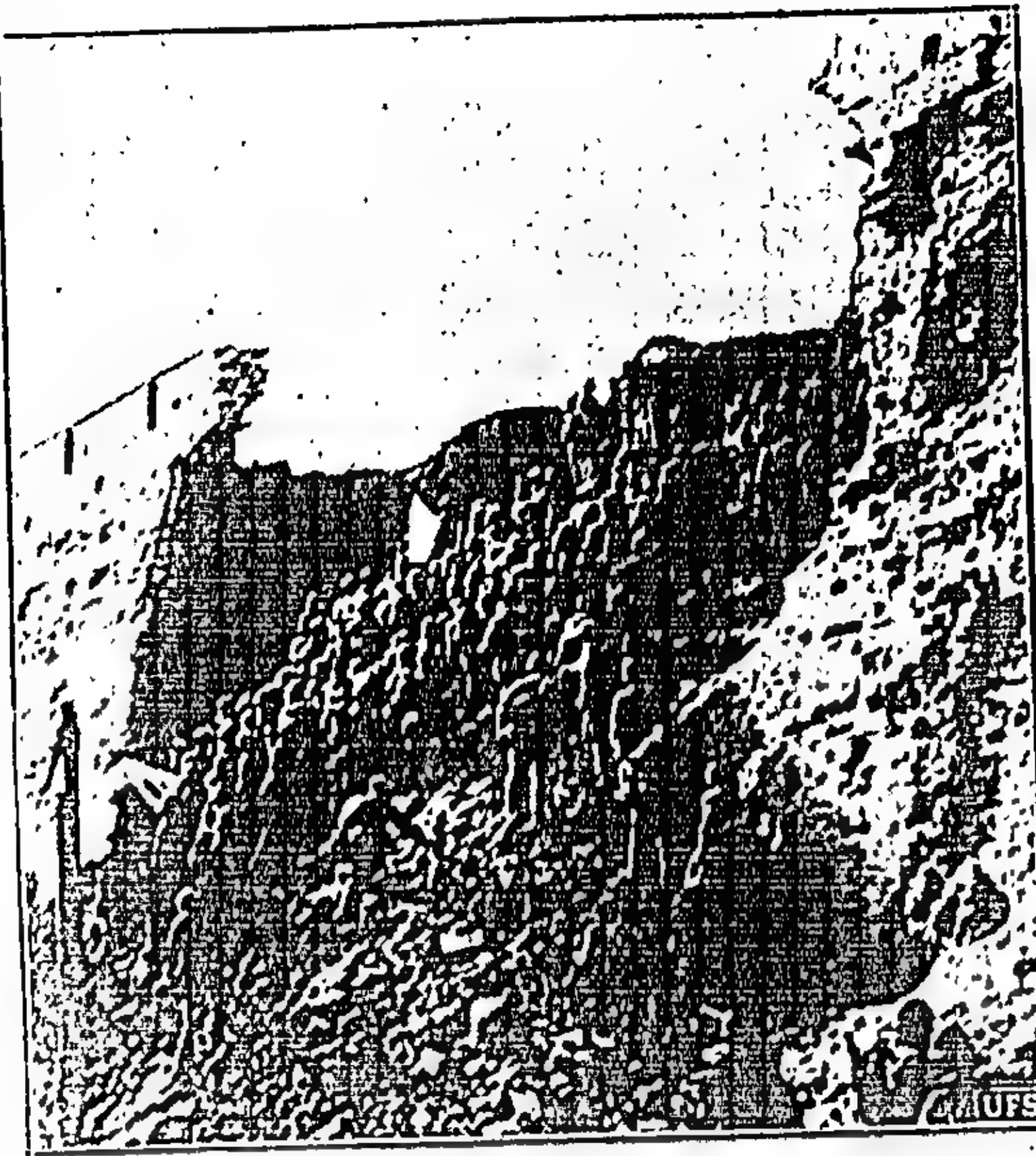
The dates on which the various competitions and matches take place will be the same as for 1937. There will be no competition in 1938 concurrent with the first stage of the King's Prize on the same lines as the 1937 Coronation competitions.

N.R.A. TARGETS UNCHANGED

Although the Army Rifle Association is introducing a new type of target for its 1938 competitions, the N.R.A. will make no change from the 1937 targets. The R.N., R.M. and R.A.F. will almost certainly conform to the N.R.A. targets.

Two sighting shots, compulsory, and included in the entrance fee.

MODERN GUNS: ANCIENT WALL.



WALL FELL DOWN—This ancient Chinese wall about the city of Taiyuan was formerly believed a formidable barrier against invading hordes. But when the inhabitants refused to surrender to the Japanese, recently, the attackers turned their big guns on it and presently found easy access to the city, as shown.

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

"Might Become Serious Danger Politically," says Sheriff

It would be tactful and considerate if the Duke of Windsor was allowed to become a private citizen, and was not made "copy" of by the Press, said Mr. Walter J. Robertson, Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire, in Glasgow, when speaking recently at the annual dinner of the Glasgow and West of Scotland District of the Institute of Journalists, Glasgow.

It was within the bounds of possibility, he added, that the Duke might in the future become a very serious danger politically.

Sheriff Robertson said that when Charles Bedaux, having booked him, and self on a liner of his choice, arrived in London, he was told that he was being chased 150 miles by a journalist, who "ran him down" at Carlisle. He refused to answer all the questions about a certain eminent person, now known as the Duke of Windsor.

"Now I would like to say this. His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor has chosen to abdicate the highest position in the world to become a private citizen. Whether he fully realises he is a private citizen or not, I cannot say, but if he does not, it is not the fault of the Press. I would venture to suggest humbly that it would perhaps be a tactful and considerate thing if His Royal Highness was allowed to be a private citizen, and not made 'copy' of by every newspaper and everything he says and does is reported in the paper. (Hear, hear.)"

It is quite within the bounds of possibility that the young gentleman might in the future become a very serious danger politically, in this or that way.

B.B.C. AND SURNAME PRONUNCIATION COMMITTEE TO DECIDE

Pronunciation of surnames is the next subject for the B.B.C. Advisory Committee on Spoken English, of which Mr. Bernard Shaw is chairman. When the committee met again on Dec. 7 it considered a proposal that the B.B.C. should issue a booklet giving recommended pronunciations of about 500 English surnames.

Mr. Shaw and his colleagues have no intention of dictating the pronunciation of names to their owners. Here are some of the names reviewed:

Beauchamp,	Poullett,
Belisha,	Hole-Carew,
Cockburn,	Prideaux,
Chalmersley,	Powell,
Greenhalgh,	Waddell,
Houston,	Wagh,
Ponsonby,	Whewell,

Though it was impossible, in the case of a given name, to arrive at a pronunciation acceptable to all its owners, the committee endeavoured to find the most general usage.

will be taken in all N.R.A. individual competitions.

The squadding for individual competitions will be in pairs under similar conditions as for 1937. In individual squadded events ammunition will be drawn from central depots on the presentation of detachable vouchers forming part of the competition ticket.

The competitions for 1938 will be generally on similar lines to former years. The official programme book will be ready for issue early in the New Year. Individual entries for the squadded events will close on June 20.

Science Versus Criminal

Bringing About the Downfall of the Wrongdoer

Confronted with minute particles of coal dust taken from an old wound in his hand, a German miner who had denied that he was in the Ruhr district when a murder was committed recently, confessed to the crime. Unknown to him, he had carried this tiny indelible clue which was to become damning evidence against him.

In British crime annals too, particularly since the development of police laboratories, seemingly insignificant clues have frequently led to the wrongdoer's undoing.

One of the most recent examples was the case of Leslie George Stone, the 21-year-old hand-pit labourer, who murdered Ruby Keen in a "suicide lane" at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

A piece of silk thread about an inch long from the girl's dress, and grains of sand similar to that at the scene of the crime, found in the accused man's clothing, became important links in the prosecution's chain of evidence which led Stone to the scaffold.

CANDLE GREASE CLUE

Candle grease found in a prisoner's pocket was submitted to tests at the Cardiff City Police Laboratory and revealed in a burglar's conviction and sentence. It was compared with grease left on the carpet of the house which had been entered, and both "exhibits" were proved to be identical with wax from a candle at the thief's lodgings.

It sounds simple enough, but before arriving at their decision the experts tested no fewer than 17 candles of different makes and prices, and all were found to vary in composition.

Chips of enamel left on a damaged gate after it had been hit by a car proved the identity of a motorist's delinquent, also at Cardiff, that he had been involved in an accident.

Chemical tests at the laboratory proved beyond a doubt that the enamel was similar to that on the car. Result, the driver admitted the collision.

The fate of a shopbreaker at Hastings depended upon a spider's web. He suggested that the intruder had entered by a certain window, but an observant detective noticed the web on the panes, searched his informant's flat, and there was the missing property.

A boy's footprint in an unbroken tray of shortbread was the principal evidence against a youth found guilty of breaking into a grocery store at Hereford, and a robber at Winchester who was careless enough to leave his teeth marks in a piece of cheese.

Scientific examination of four silver hairs, returned a venerable "old" man to yet another "stretch" at Durham Quarter Sessions, and pieces of glass falling unnoticed into the turn-ups of a shopbreaker's trousers in Plymouth were silent testimony to the fact that it was he who had gained entry by cutting out a pane of glass.

In several murder trials the slenderest of clues have become important factors in establishing the criminal's guilt.

Patrick Mahon, the Crumles murderer, little thought that a cloakroom ticket would lead to his downfall; nor did William Podmore, convicted of the Southampton garage crime, realise that a chance remark made to a fellow-prisoner while he was "inside" for another offence would assume such importance at his trial on the capital charge.

Lady Astor's Niece Sings In Night Club To Forget Tragedy

Adelaide Moffet, beautiful twenty-one-year-old daughter of a millionaire, and a niece by marriage of Lady Astor, began a career as a night club singer in New York recently.

FOUR YEARS WITH ABORIGINES

Sydney. Dr. Donald Thomson, the young anthropologist from Melbourne University, who lived with the Aborigines in North Australia for four years as one of them, is leaving for England. He says he is most discouraged by the Federal Government's failure to realise its duties to the natives. He would never think of returning to Australia.

He describes the decision to permit watering places to planters at Arnhem Land and the building of a flying boat base at Groote Eylandt, the largest island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, both native reserves, as outrages against humanity which shock the world.

If the natives there, he said, came into contact with whites they were bound to perish and the finest remaining tribes of Aborigines would thus disappear.

CITY FORGETS \$2 DEPOSIT

Martina Ferry. The city of Martina Ferry forgot for 37 years that it carried an account in a New York bank. Recently the bank asked the city to close out the old account. It amounted to \$2.

RADIO BROADCAST

'London Pride' and Other Relays from London

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6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Dance Music. Fox-Trot—Let's Put Our Heads Together (film) Gold Diggers of 1937; With Plenty of Money and You (film) Gold Diggers of 1937; Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Sweet Lullaby (from 'Waldski Wedding'); The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down; Billy Cotton and His Band; I Saw A Ship A-Sailing; Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

7.15 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.30 London Relay—All Kinds of People—1.

'My Memories of the Tsar Nicholas II at his Coronation' A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton.

7.35 Variety.

Vocal—Look Up And Laugh—Medley; Film Waltz Songs—Medley; Grade Fields with Organ Accompaniment; Vocal and Instrumental—Blaze Away (Kennedy and Holzmann); Many Happy Returns Of The Day (Dubin and Burke); Eddie Peabody (Vocal) playing various instruments; Comedian—You Can't Go Away Like That (Miller); Weeping Willow (Miller); Max Miller; Novelty—Blazin' The Trail (Samuels, Whitcup and Powell); Twilight On The Trail (film) The Trail of the Lonesome Pine; The Hill Billies.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Variety continued.

Vocal—A Place in Your Heart (Sam Coslow); The Very Thought Of You (Roy Noble); Sam Coslow (Tenor); Piano-Accordion Band—Au Revoir (J. G. Gilbert); A Waltz Was Born in Vienna (Crocker and Loewe); London Piano-Accordion Band.

8.15 London Relay—'London Pride'.

A Programme in praise of London compiled from the tributes of visitors through the centuries. Devised and written by D. F. Alken. Produced by Pascoe Thornton.

8.55 A Short Concert by Claudia Muzio (Soprano) and Casals (Cello). La Boheme—Yes, They Call Me Mimi (Puccini); Cavalleria Rusticana—Mother, you know the story (Mascagni); Claudia Muzio; Moment Musical (Schubert); Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Apres Un Reve (Faure); Chanson Villageoise (Popper—Op. 52, No. 2); Casals.

9.15 London Relay—Robb Wilton as Mr. Muddicombe, J. P. in 'The Court of Not-So-Common, Please!'

Written by Robb Wilton on an original idea by Barry Bernard Presented by Max Kester.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in E Flat Op. 60.

Felix Weingartner cond., the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.15 Songs by Jussi Bjorling (Tenor).

'Aida' (Verdi)—Heavenly Aida, divine Aida; 'La Boheme' (Puccini)—Your tiny hand is frozen.

Orchestra—Puchio Digo, (Pesenti); O Cara Mia (Broadzski, arr. Payer); A. J. Pesenti and His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm In The Mood For Love (McHugh, Fields); I Wishd On The Moon (Reinger, Parker); Lanny Ross; Orchestra—Rise And Shine—Selection, Sydney Kyte and His Pleadably Hotel Band; Vocal—Swing (film) Public Nuisance No. 1; Me And My Dog (film) Public Nuisance No. 1; Frances Day (Soprano); Orchestra—What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr. Debroy Somers) (with Chorus).

11.00 Close Down.

Old Soldier Successor To Capt. Westlake

Captain (Quarter-Master) Henry Westlake of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, is retiring in a few weeks and his place will be taken, it was learned from Headquarters this morning, by Mr. T. Parkinson, at present Regimental Sergeant Major of the Corps.

Capt. Westlake joined the Corps in 1922 as Sergeant Major and in 1930 was promoted Honorary Lieutenant and Quarter-Master, receiving his last promotion in 1936. He expects to leave for home at the end of February.

Mr. T. Parkinson is in the Harbour Department of the Government but has been connected with the Volunteers for some years and prior to that spent a long period in the Regular Army.

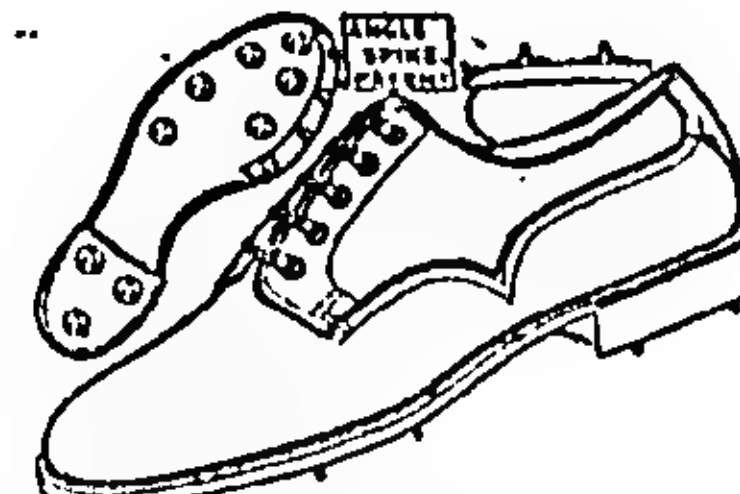
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O'REILLY TROUBLES BATSMEN

Brilliant Bowling Performance

Adelaide, Dec. 18. A brilliant spell of bowling by W. J. O'Reilly, who took five wickets for one run, brought about a remarkable change of fortune in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day.

New South Wales lost their four wickets for 45 runs and were all out for 337. South Australia made a good start and, with the total at 145 for one, looked like making a big score. Then O'Reilly found his length and sent back five batsmen at a cost of one run. South Australia's total at the close of play was 103 for six.

After losing C. L. Badcock, who made only two, South Australia made good progress with R. S. Whittington and D. G. Bradman together for the second wicket. Both played cautiously, and so well set did they look that it seemed possible they might play out time. The reappearance of O'Reilly, however, brought disaster for the home side. Whittington was the first to go, being caught by Fingleton after scoring 54. Robinson followed, and Bradman was the next to fall, being caught for 91. Waite and Walker went the way of the other batsmen, and stumps were drawn shortly afterwards.

GOLF DRAW MADE

Junior Competition At Fanling

The draw for the first round of the Hongkong Golf Club Junior Championship has been completed. The first named player in each round in the challenger and must fix the date for play. Starting times, if required, should be asked for in the usual way.

The draw resulted as follows:
E. G. Smith-Wright v. T. Low.
N. K. Littlejohn v. H. Overy.
R. Hancock v. R. S. Johnson.
B. J. B. Morahan v. R. K. M. Simpson.
H. H. Mundy v. R. E. H. Nelson.
R. G. Gray v. T. E. Pearce.
G. S. Archbutt v. W. Woodward.
J. L. C. Pearce v. W. W. C. She-wan.

The first round to be played on or before January 23; second round on



A scene in "Melody For Two," now showing at the King's Theatre, in which James Melton and Patricia Ellis are co-starred. A famous radio favourite, Melton comes to the screen for the third time.

\$1 Putter Wins Owner \$2,100

Los Angeles Golf Tournament

Los Angeles, Jan. 10. Using a putter which he bought at a junk shop for \$1, Jimmy Thompson, with a score of 273, won \$2,100 of the \$7,500 Open Golf Tournament here to-day.

Johnny Revolta, with a score of 277, won \$1,200, while W. Lawson Little and Henry Picard tied with cards of 278 each.—United Press.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest fined a shop fiddler, Wan Chi, \$10 at the Central Magistracy this morning for cruelty to eight geese. The geese, said Sergeant J. Shephard, were tied in pairs and were placed in a small basket, four on top and four on the bottom.

or before February 6; semi-final on or before February 20, and the final (36 holes) on or before February 27.

TABLE TENNIS CUP PRESENTED FOR COMPETITION

Local Association To Organise Leagues

The Hongkong Ping Pong Association instituted a movement last month to raise funds for the wounded Chinese soldiers. A meeting has been called for 7.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Confucius Club, Hollywood Road, where the organising of leagues for men and women will be discussed. To this end cups have been presented by the Chinese Newspaper Correspondents' Union and Mr. Yee Chow-shui, the famous Chinese stage and cinema comedian.

It is anticipated that the best players from Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai and Macao will participate in these leagues, among whom are several who represented China at the Far Eastern Olympic Games.

Arrangements will also be made to facilitate the appearances of Miklos Szabados and Istvan Kelen, the Hungarian world champions who recently passed through the Colony on a visit to Japan, but who will be returning again in March.

HERO OF VARSITY TUSSELE

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to travel to foggy Twickenham, but the plain truth is that they were a beaten side within a few minutes of the kick-off.

LICKED, HUMBLD

They were licked and humbled and removed from Oxford's path chiefly because their well-known triangle was throttled long before it could ever get on the move.

The person principally responsible for this was Frenkes, who until very recently was Oxford's full-back. Recently he was at left-centre, and if there is justice on earth he will be hoisted on high when he returns to Oxford—hoisted and applauded because his tackling was not only deadly, but among the best ever seen at famed Twickenham.

The tactics of the Cambridge back division were so completely mechanical and orthodox that they really offered themselves as a sacrifice to the Oxford defence, but even this did not harm the game as a spectacle.

THEY DISAPPOINTED

The second half was better than the first for there were frequently movements that proved that the open game in Rugby has not become an entirely lost art.

Cambridge had infinitely the better of the tight scrums, heeling from nine out of ten, but that was the limit of their superiority. Their backs got going only to be mowed down like grass in a gale, and they never looked like scoring save when Bruce-Lockhart dropped his neat and smart goal.

Cambridge were a great disappointment to all and sundry, perhaps even to the King who is himself a Cambridge man, and who was present to witness the downfall of his varsity.

In every way it was a grand match, and the only slowness was contributed by the band when they played the National Anthem. On each occasion the big crowd was ahead of it by two lengths at the finish.

Prince Obolensky, the speedy Oxford wing, was scarcely seen, the ball unfortunately not running his way. The only real opportunity he had came late in the game—and he was then brought down with a Soccer trip.

Mayhew stood out as the man of the day, but close behind him were Cooke, the Oxford scrum-half, and Roden. Those who will not want to remember the Varsity match of 1937 are the Cambridge triangle.

M.C.C. COMMISSION MAKES ITS REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

By H. J. Henley

After nine months of careful study the commission "appointed by the Marylebone Cricket Club at the request of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to investigate the problems confronting the counties taking part in the First-Class County Cricket Championship" have produced their report. It is long, it is complicated, it is many-sided, and it contains no bombshells. The commissioners, W. Findlay, R. C. N. Parlairet, and R. H. Mallett, do not wave the red flag of revolution. They have approached cricket as a great game, too complex and honoured to be lightly despoiled, not as a mere recreation for the mob, which can be "jazzed" to suit the mood of an hour.

In considering their viewpoints and their recommendations it is necessary to recall the situation which led to the creation of the commission. At the end of the season of 1930, after a series of wet, bleak summers, many county clubs were in a desperate state of poverty. The wolf which had been kept at bay for so long was at the doorway at last, and it looked as if some of the committee were prepared to adopt any wild scheme which seemed to have even a remote chance of increasing "gates." They had forgotten, as the commissioners generally do in such circumstances, that their troubles were in a big measure caused by the bad weather, which had equally affected houses and hotels, and everything else which depends upon sunshine for profit. But the counties only saw that their balance-sheets were bad and a crisis approaching rapidly. So they did what they generally do in times of trouble and turned to the M.C.C. for aid.

The commissioners had many schemes brought before them, but they have carefully refrained from recommending the more drastic forms of "reform" such as allowing the visiting team to bat first instead of tossing for innings, period play, two-day matches, a longer over, and a method of promotion and relegation from teams of different divisions. Indeed, of the changes they do recommend that are more directly connected with the manner of play as distinct from financial jugglery, two present any cause for reasonable objection. Of these, one applies to short-pitched fast bowling, commonly known as "negative length," the other to a reduction in the number of first-class counties.

In regard to "negative length," they contend that much of the dull play is caused by the bowlers rather than by the batsmen, and they suggest that a line or lines should be drawn across the wicket, beyond which bowlers would be required to pitch the ball, or be penalised in some way, presumably by being "not out." But here we are on very slippery ground. The spot where "negative length" meets the ground differs appreciably with the pace of the pitch and the speed of different bowlers. Are we, then, to have half a dozen lines drawn across the wicket, or is a groundsmen, armed with brush and bucket, and white-wash, to rush forth periodically and change the position of the line? Moreover, an accurate bowler would soon learn to pitch the ball mechanically an inch or two over the line, and still be negative in effect but not in law. Consider, too, the unfortunate umpire. He cannot have eyes everywhere. There are too many snags here for comfort.

No doubt balls short of a length used persistently do slow down the scoring, although the many batsmen who now play right back to everything and regard a forward push stroke as old-fashioned, cannot be considered innocent parties. They turn into "negative" bowling themselves.

liveries which used to be driven. But if a player regularly and glaringly bowls with purely defensive intentions and is obviously doing more harm than good to the county his committee always has the power to drop him from the side. That is a power far stronger than a dozen cross-the-wicket lines.

REDUCE THE NUMBER
In regard to the curtailment of the championship the commissioners suggest that the number of competitors in the first-class division should be reduced from seventeen to fifteen. In this way, they say, it would be possible for all the sides to meet each other which would do away with the percentage method of judging results, and the amount of first-class cricket would be reduced from about 236 matches to 210, thereby allowing extra representative matches to be played. But here again we are on slippery ground.

Who would be the two teams excluded? To send down to the second-class division the two counties finishing at the bottom of the first-class table might mean the sudden disappearance of one of the most popular teams—and no hint is given of how the team could ever be brought back again.

THIS, however, is the affair of the counties themselves, a point which often escapes notice. For they have a perfect right to control their own destinies. They could introduce a relegation or promotion rule next week if a majority of the committee were in favour of it. The M.C.C. govern the game at large, but they do not want to interfere with the domestic affairs of a competition. They have no more desire to direct the County Championship than they wish to have a finger in the League or the Bradford Cricket Committee, which consist of a representative of each first-class county, three from the Minor Counties Association, and one from the M.C.C., who introduced the two-day match scheme which helped to spoil the season just after the war. It is the Advisory County Committee, not the M.C.C., who change the method of deciding the Championship from time to time, and who are responsible for the cumbersome collection of first-innings points and elaborate percentages. The M.C.C. it is true,

have eventually to sanction all proposals, but what the Advisory Committee pass it never turned down. So if the counties consider that they have not a satisfactory Championship they have only themselves to blame.

TEST MATCH PROFITS

The first part of the commissioners' report, which is devoted to finance, with especial attention paid to the manner of allotting Test match profits, will be more to the taste of financiers than to the average follower of cricket, and the question of county "gates" and the advisability or otherwise of passing on to the public the entertainment tax, is purely the concern of the club officials, who are at liberty to make their own decisions. More important from the spectators' point of view are the suggestions in regard to hours of play—the intervals, and other matters connected with the clock. The commissioners have done especially good work in stressing the evils of wasting time—surely, the quickest way to irritate a crowd—and they would rearrange matters that no tea interval could be taken shortly after the interval between innings, and remove the frittering away of five minutes here or there which at present happens so wantonly. They would also cause it to be impossible for hours of play to be allowed at the will of the teams on the third day, and make it a rule for the outgoing batsman on all occasions to meet the out-going batsman before he enters the pavilion. Everyone who follows cricket will greet all this with hearty approval. Intervals illegally prolonged do not benefit the players, and there is no excuse for dawdling. It is a pity that a suggestion is not made to prevent refreshment from being taken out on the field between the refreshment intervals except on very exceptional occasions.

The commissioners point out that their recommendations have not yet been considered by any of the governing bodies, and no doubt before any changes are definitely made in the conduct of the game much will be whittled away and many a suggestion turned down. But if they succeed in bringing home to the counties even the importance of punctuality the commission will have been worth while. "WATCH-MAN."

SPORT ADVTs.

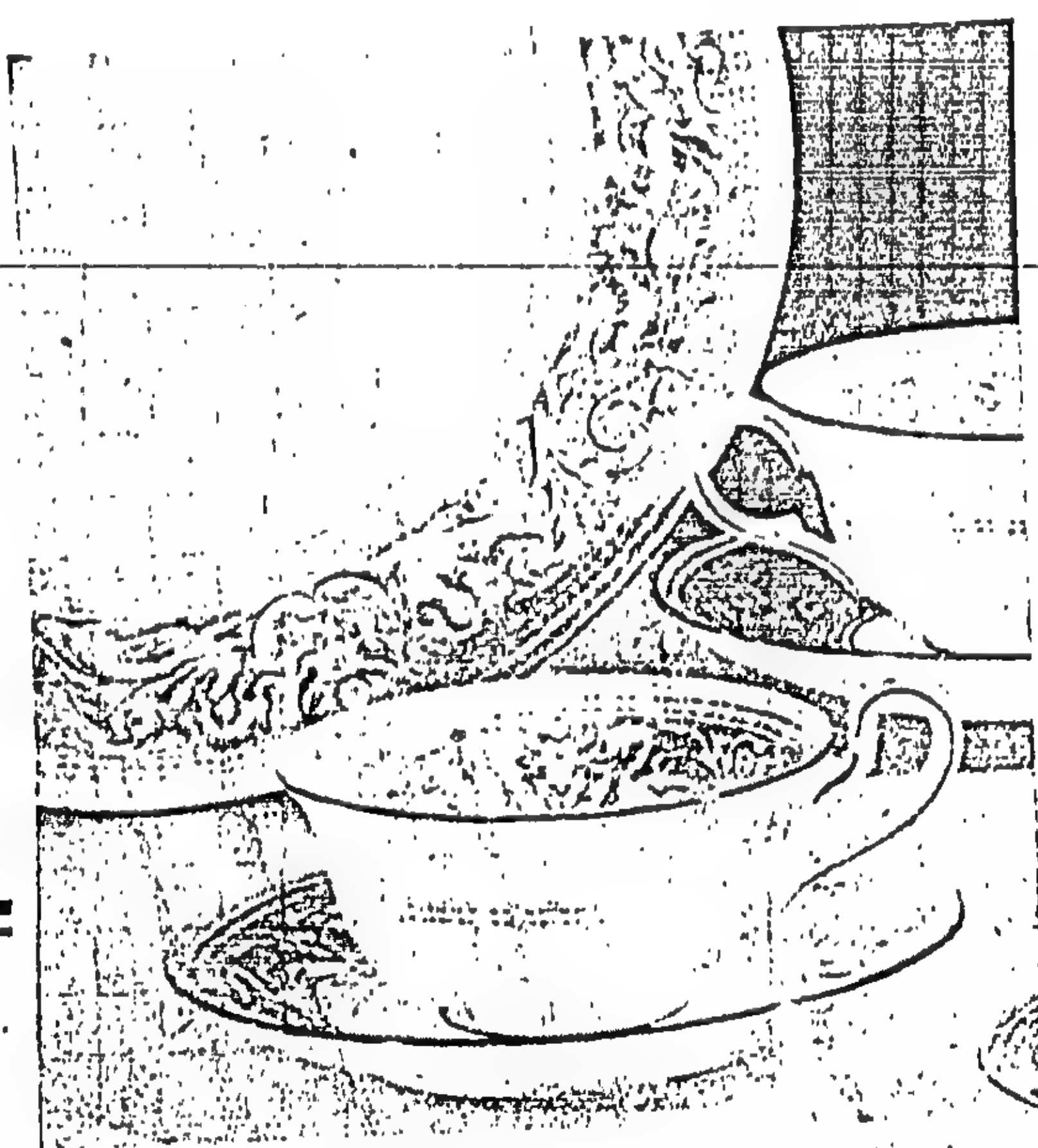
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HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



MARVEL ON BLADES—Many nations were represented in the Winter Sports Carnival in Madison Square Garden, Dec. 7-11. Here is a striking action picture of Vera Hruba, Czechoslovakian figure skating champion, as she practiced at a New York rink in preparation for the contests. Miss Hruba is widely known in European ice-skating centres.

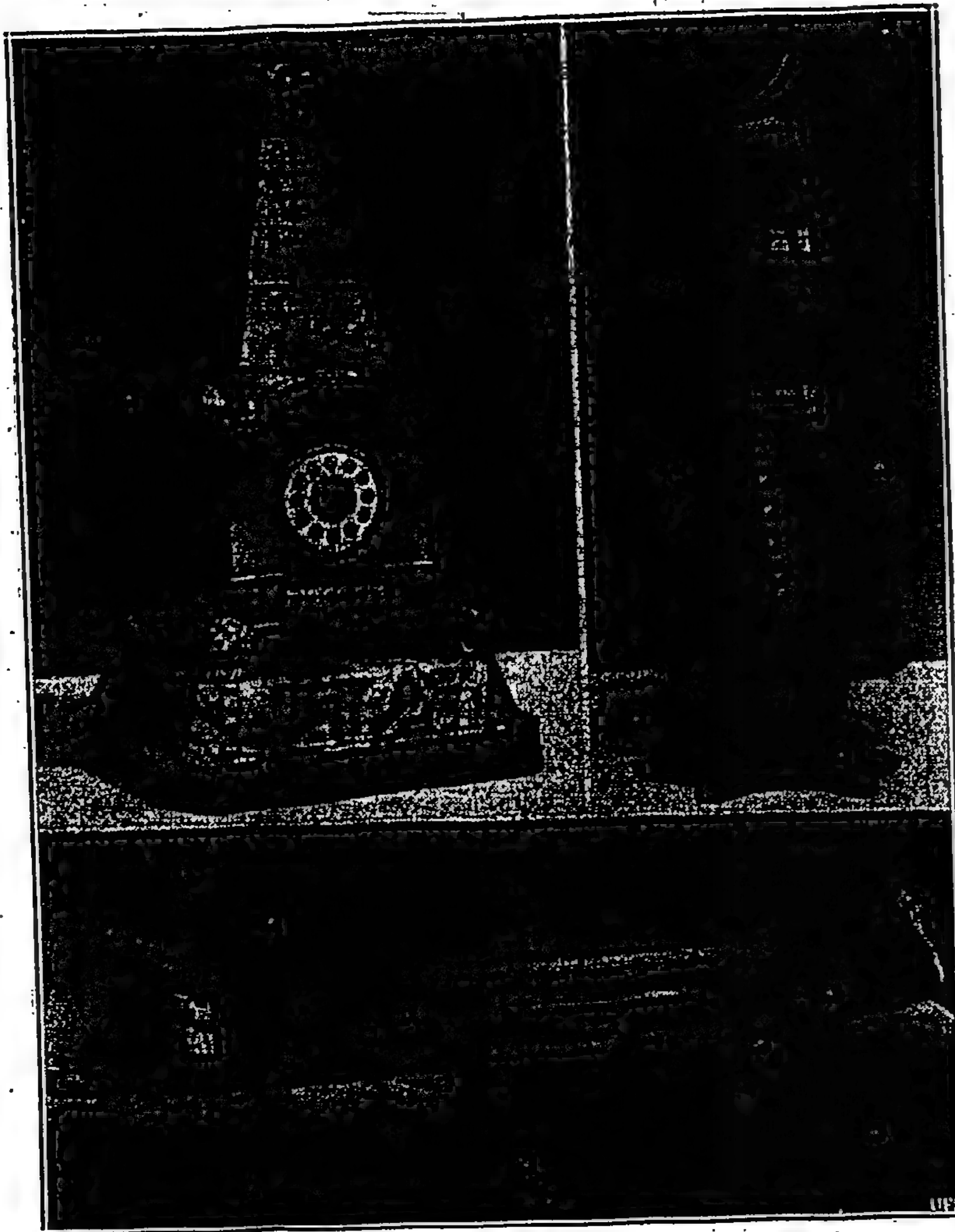


HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND—Arriving in New York to join a night club revue, Magda de Fontanges, who shot Count Charles Plinston du Chambrai at a Paris railway station last March, over her avowed romance with Premier Mussolini of Italy, was taken by immigration authorities to Ellis Island. She is shown above as she awaited a hearing. She is under a year's suspended sentence.



HE TALKS A SECRET—Viscount Halifax, Lord President of the British Council, kept results of his recent visit to Germany a carefully guarded secret, refusing to say what chance of friendly co-operation between the two nations had developed. Above, at right, he is bid adieu by Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador, as he left Victoria Station, London, for Germany.

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MILLIONS ON ART OBJECTS—Carl Faberge was for nearly 60 years Russian imperial court jeweler and in that time he created countless treasures of incredible artistry. An exhibition of his works, valued at more than \$2,000,000, is being held at the Hammer Galleries in New York. Above are three pieces. Upper left, clock in Russian tower design set with emeralds and sapphires. Upper right, miniature of the Dowager Empress' bodyguard, of silver and gold with sapphire eyes. Bottom, toy steamboat, music box for the Czarevitch, which still plays "God Save the Czar."

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HONGKONG MAY BE MENACED

German Newspaper Says Britain Armed Too Late

Berlin, Jan. 11. The Japanese occupation of Tsingtao has made a deep impression in Berlin, particularly in view of the fact that the seaport was once a German colonial possession.

Political circles are wondering whether this occupation will be a prelude to far-reaching and decisive activity of the Japanese fleet, which may involve a menace to Hongkong. The newspaper Angriff says: "Will the British watch with folded arms the loss of the tremendously important regions around Hongkong? That is the most critical question in international politics to-day."

"Great Britain's re-armament came too late. America's has come still later," this newspaper asserts. -Reuter.

NO COMMENT IN U.S.

Washington, Jan. 10. The State Department does not comment on the occupation of Tsingtao by the Japanese except to observe that Americans in Shanghai in recent weeks have been urged frequently to evacuate.

However, unofficially, the opinion is growing that Japan faces a long struggle in China if China attempts to hold out. The critical Evening Star in an editorial says: "China is plainly set for a long haul, to which she has been persuaded despite the sacrifice and suffering it entails. Sooner or later it will bring her triumph. Her fortitude commands world admiration."

The paper adds that Japan herself realises and anticipates a grinding task ahead of the army, as indicated by Prince Konoye's plans for a four-year campaign in China. -United Press.

Still Trying To Stop Spanish War

London, Jan. 10. At a meeting of the Chairman's Subcommittee of the Non-Intervention Committee at the Foreign Office to-morrow, the preliminary draft resolution, embodying results of the examination of the technical subcommittee of outstanding problems will be under discussion.

The subject matter of the draft resolution falls under three heads, namely: proposals for the resumption of control plans, for the withdrawal from Spain of Non-Spanish combatants, and the question of the granting of belligerent rights. -British Wireless.

STORM BLOWS FROM CANADA

Vancouver, Jan. 10. The storm centre in Alberta and Saskatchewan has moved southward carrying snow and colder weather into the north-central United States which suffered the winter's most extreme temperature during the week-end.

Wausau, Wisconsin, was 20 below zero, Iowa Falls, 16 below, Sioux City eight below, Des Moines four below, Madison, Wis., was four degrees above and Chicago, the Windy City, was 20 degrees above.

Temperatures are nearly normal in the Pacific, Atlantic, and southern areas. -United Press.

AUSTRALIA WANTS MIGRANTS FROM NORTH EUROPE

Melbourne, Jan. 10. A suggestion that the projected Commonwealth Migration Policy should entail encouragement of migrants from northern Europe is made by the political correspondent of the Melbourne Herald.

The paper states that the Commonwealth appreciates the difficulties of skilled workers from Britain, and adds the feeling is growing among many members of the Cabinet that migrants from Germany, Holland and Scandinavia would make admirable citizens. -Reuter Special.

WIRELESS OPERATOR TELLS OF FALL OF TSINGTAO

Hankow, Jan. 11. The Japanese landing at Tsingtao has been officially confirmed by the Chinese. An heroic wireless operator at the Tsingtao radio station sent the last message from Tsingtao to Hankow, reporting "Japanese blue-jackets started landing at 10.45 a.m. If possible I will communicate again this afternoon." -Reuter.

Hankow tried to call Tsingtao in the afternoon, but received no answer. -United Press.

TSINGTAO OCCUPIED WITHOUT STRUGGLE

Germans Inform Japanese City Not Defended

Tsingtao, Jan. 11. When the Japanese took over Tsingtao yesterday, they were met by a German delegation comprising Herr W. Ohlwein, Herr P. Hess and Herr F. Navert, who encountered the Japanese marines about 400 strong 15 miles from the city. They informed the Japanese that Tsingtao was not defended and escorted them to the city.

Immediately on entering the Japanese marines posted patrol, while the Japanese Consul, Mr. Otake, waited on board a Japanese warship until arrangements had been completed for him to go ashore and to take up his post.

The first Japanese officer to arrive in Tsingtao was Miyamoto, resident naval officer, who chafed for half an hour in the City Government building with members of the foreign volunteers. He carried a Japanese flag and soon afterwards a motor car arrived filled with Japanese flags which were hoisted on various buildings throughout the city. -Reuter.

JAPANESE THANK FOREIGNERS

Tsingtao, Jan. 11. Mr. A. R. Hogg, a British in command of the foreign volunteers, and members of his staff went to the German Club where they found Captain Shirashi and Major Negata during a toast to the Emperor of Japan.

Capitain Shirashi said in Japanese: "The Japanese navy arrived here and feels much obliged to the different nationals in Tsingtao for taking care of the city for the time being. We intend to negotiate with the highest Chinese authorities here."

Mr. Hogg responded suitably. Signalling the Japanese occupation of Tsingtao, a Japanese flag was hoisted over the castle-like Municipal Building at 2.30 p.m. yesterday. Many Chinese carrying Japanese flags were present when the foreign volunteers formally handed over the maintenance of peace and order to the Japanese at 4.30 p.m. -Reuter.

700,000 To Boycott Japan Goods

Important Decision By London Body

London, Jan. 10. In connection with the London Co-operative Society's decision to boycott Japanese goods, it is pointed out that the Society's buyers had previously instructed not to purchase Japanese goods when alternatives were available.

The new decision rules out all Japanese purchases except those specifically authorised by the managing committee of the Society. The London Co-operative Society, representing 700,000 members, decided to cease purchasing Japanese goods as a result of representations from many quarters. It also draws attention to the fact that the Co-operative Wholesale Society, representing 8,000,000 members, is being asked to take similar action.

"We are distressed at the indiscriminate bombings of Chinese women and children, and have addressed Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Cranborne and Geneva, voicing our indignation," says the notice. -Reuter.

TRADE UNIONS UNDECIDED

London, Jan. 11. The meeting of the leaders of the Trade Union Congress reached no definite decision regarding the question of an official embargo on Japanese goods, but it was decided to refer the attitude and views of the Labour Movement to Continental Labour and trade union leaders at a meeting in Brussels on January 15. This is a joint international meeting. It depends that everything will depend upon the attitude of the Continental labourers. -Reuter.

Fresh Weather To Continue

Weather Outlook: Fresh north-easterly winds, and generally fine. Rough weather along the coast from Shanghai to Singapore.

Only seven degrees separated the maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended 10 a.m. to-day.

The minimum of 56 degrees recorded in the early hours of this morning was four degrees higher than the minimum recorded yesterday. Humidity, as well as temperature, is also slightly higher, although it is still more than 20 per cent. lower than the humidity recorded last week.

No rainfall has been recorded in Hongkong since January 5.

Undergrounds Of London Over-Worked

"Staggered" Hours To Relieve Congestion

London, Jan. 10. The so-called staggering of working hours is discussed in the annual report of the London Traffic Advisory Committee in relation to the relief it would afford during the acute peak of traffic on the London underground railways, which, besides causing discomfort to travellers, is stated to be gravely wasteful and uneconomic, necessitating heavy capital costs upon the provision of railways and rolling stock of maximum capacity, although that capacity may be fully used for less than half an hour daily.

The report agrees that as many are interrelated and hours of work are closely related it may not be practical generally to stagger working hours in this way. It is, however, suggested that some relief during peak hours would be obtained by appropriate adjustments of starting times in the case of establishments employing large staffs, and secondary and technical schools, where starting times now materially add to the peak loads on certain sections of line. -British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

JAPAN TO DECLARE WAR ON CHINA?

LONDON PAPERS' GRAVE VIEW

London, Jan. 11.

Newspapers splash the story of the Imperial conference in Tokyo to-day.

The Daily Herald's diplomatic correspondent says all precedence suggests war will be formally declared on China. This will mean the immediate proclamation of a blockade of the Yangtze and Canton, a demand for the withdrawal of foreign warships from the blockaded Chinese waters.

A blockade of Canton would hardly be possible without direct, immediate, and constant interference with the trade of Hongkong. Either contingency would strain Anglo-Japanese relations to the breaking point.

The Daily Express diplomatic correspondent says that the announcement of a state of war will have two important effects: firstly, bringing into force the United States Neutrality Act thus cutting off the United States supplies of war materials to Japan and China; secondly, enabling Japan legally to blockade the China coast against ships of all nationalities carrying war materials to China.

Two-Edged Weapon

The Neutrality Act, this correspondent continues, will prove a two-edged weapon, but it is thought Japan may consider her reserves of oil and other war materials big enough to carry her through the war. China has no considerable supplies of munitions and the Japanese move, therefore, will be to gamble on starving out China before her own supplies are exhausted.

It is believed in London that the Tokyo Government is prepared to take the risks involved.

If Japan declares war on China an entirely new situation will be created for Great Britain and other countries with special interests in China.

British Ministers are closely watching developments, aided by reports from our diplomatic representatives in Japan and China.

A meeting of Cabinet will be called if Japan acts.

The question of naval and military reinforcements for the Far East will have to be considered immediately. -Reuter.

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Radiant Spinsters

Spinsters are more criticised than war chiefs, and perhaps more discussed than the Far Eastern situation or the Income-tax.

Some say we are selfish because we prefer our freedom, and others, having successfully gained a husband themselves, pity us because there are not enough men to go round; and still others fear us as dangerous females, smartly dressed, with plenty of leisure, ready to give consolation to another harassed woman's husband at the slightest provocation.

But the radiant spinsters of to-day lead the world. Women who, if they have not got homes and husbands, have their jobs which often benefit large numbers of people, and into which the richness of a personality, with time for leisure and cultural activity, can be poured.

Take a look at some of the leading spinsters of to-day.

Brown-haired Caroline Haslett started as a 10s a week apprentice in an engineering office, and now earns a four-figure salary as Director of the Electrical Association for Women, and is head of 7,000 women.

Popular Margery Fry, ex-Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, is a keen penal reformer. She was a great favourite with the students at Oxford.

The Hon. Dorothy Paget is worth several millions. Once she owned a fleet of racing cars, now she is a big racehorse owner.

And who is happier than Edith Evans, the actress? "I'm happiest doing work I love, surrounded by people I love," she said.

And then there are thousands of spinsters, not so eminent, but who, nevertheless contribute their share to modern life.

The Modern Maiden Aunts

There may no longer be maiden aunts to look after little nieces and nephews, when mother is ill or busy, but these same aunts are now living in bachelor flats, as office workers, professional or technical workers holding together the vast structure of modern industry, women who manage to get lots of kick out of life, with their theatre parties, week-end cottages, socials, and often foreign travels.

And, of course, we must not forget the bachelor woman living at home with an invalid or aged parent, and perhaps helping to keep the home going.

She may not, in fact does not, lead the glamorous life of her freer sister, but who can measure the value of the worth of her job?

No, eminent spinsters, ordinary every-day spinsters—lead the world. Gone are the days when the unmarried daughter was a liability, and gone are the days when she was just tolerated. She is not only an asset, she is top of the pole!

M. B.

Cooking Hints

SAVE the best leaves from celery tops and dry them in the oven until they are quite brittle. When rubbed into powder and stored in stoppered bottles, they are excellent for flavouring purposes.

When reheating a meat or fruit pie, place the dish in a greaseproof bag, for then the crust will not be hard when the pie is hot.

Instead of putting in the usual orange or banana when making a jelly, try adding a grated dessert apple just before it sets, as it is delicious served with or without cream. When making pastry that is to be served cold, use milk instead of water, for the pastry will then keep short and crisp much longer.

To prevent pastry from rising and spoiling the appearance of custard tarts, spread butter on the pastry before putting in the custard mixture.

Sausages will not burst if fried in butter or lard. Allow the fat to become fairly hot, put in the sausages and turn them over lengthwise with a broad knife.

Fruit pies will not be spoilt by juice running out if the sugar is put in the pie-dish before the fruit instead of on top.

A cake which sticks to the tin can usually be loosened by placing the sides and bottom in a bowl of boiling water.

Candied peel, glace cherries, and preserved ginger will chop more easily if warmed slightly beforehand. Similarly, parsley will chop quite easily if first washed in cold water, placed in a small basin, and covered with boiling water for ten minutes.

Before frying onions, boil them for ten minutes and this will prevent them from burning and turning black.

When cooking fish, fill the pan with cold water containing a tablespoonful of vinegar, for this will prevent the usual odour.

Use a tablespoonful of golden syrup instead of white sugar when stewing apples, figs, or prunes, and the juice will be thicker and sweeter.

When cooking vegetables, add a small knob of butter or dripping to the boiling water as this helps them to cook quickly and brings out their full flavour, besides preventing the water boiling over.

G. G. T.

The Queen's new Overall



Drawn by ROBB

QUEEN ELIZABETH is a true housewife and takes a personal interest in the supervision of her Palace and Castle homes. She has just bought an attractive and practical overall. It is cut on the lines of an artist's smock, and slips on like a coat, being loose enough to wear comfortably over any dress or suit; a Latin Quarter bow of black ribbon fastens it at the neck, and there is one button half-way down the front.

All the edges, including those of the two large pockets, are finished with green binding; the overall is made of painted linen figured, and has a gay pastoral design "after William Morris" in red, green, blue, brown and white.

Home Page Cook tells Mrs. Wimblestraw

Some home truths

about
(a) herrings
(b) pheasants

YOU were hoping you would run into me, were you, Mrs. Wimblestraw?

You have succeeded beyond your wildest dreams. You nearly knocked me over.

That is what comes of trying to remember a recipe, is it? Then refrain from attempting such feats of memory outside the security of the home.

It was a recipe about herrings, was it? And it began, "Ask your fishmonger to fillet the herrings." Then forget it.

If I asked my fishmonger to fillet herrings for me, he would probably never speak to me again. Since I admire his talents as a conversationalist, I have always refrained from asking him such a silly question.

YOU can try to fillet your own

herring—if you like, but I don't advise it. You know how one is apt to cut a fillet of fish without any fear of the consequences. One has a simple faith in all the bopes being gone.

Now, a herring has a lot of awkward little bones, and you would be probably leave some of them in it, my tumbling old Wimblestraw. You see the point, don't you? I should hate you to feel it.

If you are anxious for a change and from the plainly fried and grilled, spread it like jam on biscuits. But sprinkle the herrings with pepper not too thickly, please, Mrs. Wimblestraw, coat them well with oil—straw.

meal, and fry them in plenty of the best dripping.

DID you know that you can cook them without any fat at all except their own? You want a thick iron frying-pan for this. Cover the bottom with a good layer of salt, lay the herrings on this, and cook them slowly.

If you try to speed them up they will stick. Herrings cooked in this way are so delicious that many people, once they have tried it, can hardly be persuaded to revert to any other method.

You are gazing at me with a dubious eye, Mrs. Wimblestraw. It pains me, because I always tell the truth about herrings.

WHAT is that? "Some one has sent you a pheasant, and can I—? Certainly, dear lady. Any day, except Friday. Oh, I am so sorry. I thought you were asking me to dine."

You merely want instructions as to how to tell whether the bird is young or old. I am extra-ordinarily good at telling the age of anything. Quite an embarrassing accomplishment sometimes, as you should be the first to admit, old dear.

From your description of its gay plumage, you have obviously been sent a cock pheasant. The tale of its age is in its spurs. If these are short and blunt the bird is at its tenderest and in its first season.

If the spurs are still short, but pointed, it is a second-season bird. If they are not only pointed but long, I fear that the person who sent the pheasant to you is no true friend. Invite him (or her) to come to dine.

How long should a pheasant be in this cold weather at least a week.

YOU have heard of Cumber-land run butter, and are most anxious to try it? You would be.

Warm 12lb. each of butter and Dometia sugar in a basin, cream them, and add three tablespoonfuls of rum and a little grated nutmeg. Beat the mixture well together.

Put into shallow glass jars, from the plainly fried and grilled, spread it like jam on biscuits. But sprinkle the herrings with pepper not too thickly, please, Mrs. Wimblestraw, coat them well with oil—straw.

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CAPTURED TOGOLAND BY BLUFF

Two Men And A White Flag: 'Gen. Togo' Talks

By JOHN RICKMAN

Twenty-three years after he planned and carried out one of the most audacious campaigns of the Great War, Lieut.-Col. Frederick Carkeet Bryant—"General Togo" to 1914 War Office chiefs—received, recently the first public tribute to his coup.

Within a few days of the outbreak of war he bluffed the Germans out of the key positions in Togoland. It was a master stroke which resulted in the fall of Kamena, then the second biggest wireless station in the world.

The story was first told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Determined to find this man whose praises had been so tardily sung, I inquired for him near Market Harborough, where, until recently, he has ridden hard to hounds year after year, but it was in sportive clutches of an armchair in the Bath Club that I finally ran him to earth.

"Fog kept me here"—his words came to me through the haze of afternoon tobacco smoke. "Lucky to catch me. Let's go somewhere fresher." We did, and as we walked he told me....

"I was in Kumasi at the beginning of August 14. Both my chief and the second in command were in England, and I, a captain in the Gold Coast Frontier Force, was senior officer in their absence.

"I realised that speed was essential, so I cabled the Colonial Office that I was going to act. Togoland being a neighbour to the Gold Coast and a German possession, I knew I had to do something about it.

FORCE OF 1,000

"I gave orders at once to a Captain Barker and Mr. Newlands, who was attached to the political branch of the Colonial Service, to go to Lome, the German port, and carrying a white flag to enter the town and tell the Germans that large forces were advancing on the town from several directions.

"They did this. There was a heated discussion during the night between the Germans, but at last they

left the town in the early hours. "When I heard that my plan had succeeded and that the Germans had even been bluffed into leaving their rifles behind, I shipped my entire force of 1,000 natives and a few French, police and white volunteers, from Accra to Lome.

"We pushed up country from Lome, scrapping all the time. I bluffed again, and our opponents vacated Kamena, thus leaving their vitally important radio station in our hands. Kamena was in nightly touch with Berlin, even in those days.

"And that," said 'General Togo,' "is all I can say about that. Never talk about it as a rule."

This is how Sir Reginald Hoskins, who was at the Colonial Office during the war, told the story at the Ashridge Fellowship recently.

"One day we received a code message from a young subaltern in the Cameroons, who had under his command 'two men and a boy,' announcing that he was going to take Togoland.

"While we were preparing a suitable cable to send him another cable arrived saying that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. The next morning another message arrived saying that he had attacked and that all was well.

"By this time we called him General Togo."

Lord Davidson said that the young officer's telegram was, "Togoland surrendered to me 8 a.m."



PRINCESS WEDS WRESTLER—Despite her father's threat to disinherit her, Princess Baba, youngest daughter of the British Rajah of Sarawak, in northern Borneo, was married to Bob Gregory, champion of the European heavyweight wrestling title. Above, they leave the Marylebone registry office, London, after the ceremony. She gave her name as Valeria Brooke.

Rich Boy Finds Life As Hobo Too Tough

New York.

Alfred Knopf, junior son of a prominent and wealthy New York publisher, sat in Salt Lake City Police Station recently, his feet bare and grimy, his shirt and trousers torn.

Knopf disappeared recently. Police of eight States, urged by his parents who feared that their son might have been kidnapped, searched for him.

Late one night detectives found him at Salt Lake City, and took him to jail. Then Knopf sent a telegram to his father asking for money.

Knopf said that he had tried the life of a vagrant and hobo for a week. He found it tough. "I hitch-hiked through half a dozen towns searching for a job.

I searched through the advertisements, and I walked for miles and miles.

"In all the seven days I slept in a bed only once. Truck drivers were the kindest people of all to me. For the most part people seemed to be a bunch of snobs.

"Why did I run out when my family's got money? I wanted to do something myself."

Knopf flew back to New York later in the day.

CHILD'S LIFE VALUED BY A POEM

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord quoted verses on life (Du Maurier 1834-1896) in the King's Bench Division recently, when awarding £1,500 damages to the father and twin sister of a child street accident victim for the loss of the normal expectation of her life.

The child, Hilda Peggy Trubyfield, aged eight, was run over in a Cheltenham street last February by a Great Western Railway Company dray. The judge quoted:

"A little work, a little play To keep us going— And so, good day— A little warmth, a little light Of love's bestowing— And so, good night.

"A little fun to match the sorrow Of each day's going— And so, good night— And so, good night."

Claims were made by the father, Thomas Charles Trubyfield, and the twin sister, Joyce Muriel Trubyfield, of Swinton Road, Cheltenham. Joyce sought damages for the shock suffered, at seeing Hilda killed.

ON THEIR WAY HOME The children were on their way home in Swinton Road when Hilda collided with the horse and dray, which was emerging from a yard and crossing the pavement.

The railway company denied that their driver was negligent, and pleaded that there was contributory negligence on the part of the child. Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord found that the only effective negligence was that of the driver of the dray.

He said the claim for the loss of the normal expectation of life presented a difficult problem. The period by which her life had been shortened was the difference between her age at death and the normal span of life of such a girl.

Everybody had a sort of general notion of the likelihood of life, and everybody was a little inclined to look on the optimistic side. What had really to be valued was life as a whole, with all its various incidents, and apparently with certain strict restrictions.

TERRORS OF CHILD LIFE In regard to a very young infant, the question of probability had to be taken very seriously into account, because any infant had to meet all the terrors of child life and such ailment.

What was life going to be worth to a healthy young woman as the child might have become, earning her own living with dependent parents to whom she would be discharging her duty, and with some prospects of marriage?

Stay of execution was granted, pending notice of appeal.

AROUND THE EMPIRE

AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA

Sydney. The Federal Government has decided to abandon Rabaul as the capital of the mandated territory of New Guinea.

The decision, which was announced today in the speech of Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General, at the opening of the new Parliament, has been taken because of the danger from volcanic eruptions.

Rabaul, the chief town of New Britain Island, was visited by a disastrous eruption in May. An expert on volcanoes, from the Dutch East Indies, has reported that the town will be always liable to a recurrence.

The future capital has not yet been definitely decided upon. It is believed, however, that it will be Salamauva.

Attitude to Anglo-U.S. Talks.—Lord Gowrie declared, in his speech at the opening of Parliament, that the Australian Government would welcome a cordial understanding between Great Britain and the United States. Australia was prepared to play her part in the conclusion of a satisfactory understanding provided Australian interests were adequately safeguarded.

£8,000,000 Loan.—The new international public works loan of £8,000,000, the issue of which was announced by Mr. R. G. Casey, Commonwealth Treasurer, yesterday, has been well received.

Referendum in Victoria.—Mr. Dunstan, Premier of Victoria, proposes, with Socialist support, to submit to the Legislative Council Reform Bill to a referendum in February or March should the Council fail to accept it.

Infantile Paralysis.—The thousandth case and the 57th death in the infantile paralysis outbreak in Victoria have just been reported. The epidemic started at the end of June. The State Government has invited Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the Australian nurse, whose method of treatment was tried by the L.C.C. in July, to visit Victoria and give her advice.

INDIA

SERIOUS SITUATION IN CANNORE

Calcutta. The labour unrest fostered in the past few months by agitators in Cannore, United Provinces, threatens to reach a crisis. The mill-owners have withdrawn recognition of the Mazdur Sabha organisation, which purports to represent the mill-workers.

During the whole of this year the cotton mills have been in a ferment, strikes following strike without any shadow of justification.

The secretary of the Mazdur Sabha and 13 other persons were to-day prohibited by the District Magistrate from publishing pamphlets or making speeches for two months.

Sir Harry Hogg, the Governor of the United Provinces, is now in Cannore endeavouring to prevent an ugly situation becoming worse.

Calcutta's Vulnerability.—"I do not desire to be alarmist, but I must remind you that Calcutta, which was a safe and prosperous city in the last war, will in the next be vulnerable to enemy action," said Mr. G. P. Hogg, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, proposing the toast of the Imperial Forces at the St. Andrew's Day dinner.

SOUTH AFRICA

'DICK WHITTINGTON' OF THE RAND

Cape Town. Mr. Charles Walters, known as the "Dick Whittington of the Rand," who has been Mayor of Johannesburg and was a City Councillor for 20 years, has died at the age of 71.

He was born in England, and arrived in Johannesburg penniless in the days of the pioneers. He started as a vegetable seller, and later became a director of the city's largest brickmaking firm.

Arrest of Natives.—The Union Commissioner of Police has issued a circular to all police officers to use less force when arresting natives.

Earl Howe's Loss.—Earl Howe, the racing motorist, who arrived in Cape Town on Friday, lost a parcel on his way to the Rand. It contained his driving licence, passport, and return steamer ticket.

Named After Lord Nuffield.—A new township at Springs on the Rand has been named after Lord Nuffield.

STATE CINEMA FOR BURMA

Calcutta. A State broadcasting station, a State cinema and a State school of fine arts are the features of the education policy of the present Government of Burma.

The policy includes a State translation bureau to create cheap, popular, and abundant Burmese literature on subjects of mass interest and importance.—Reuter.

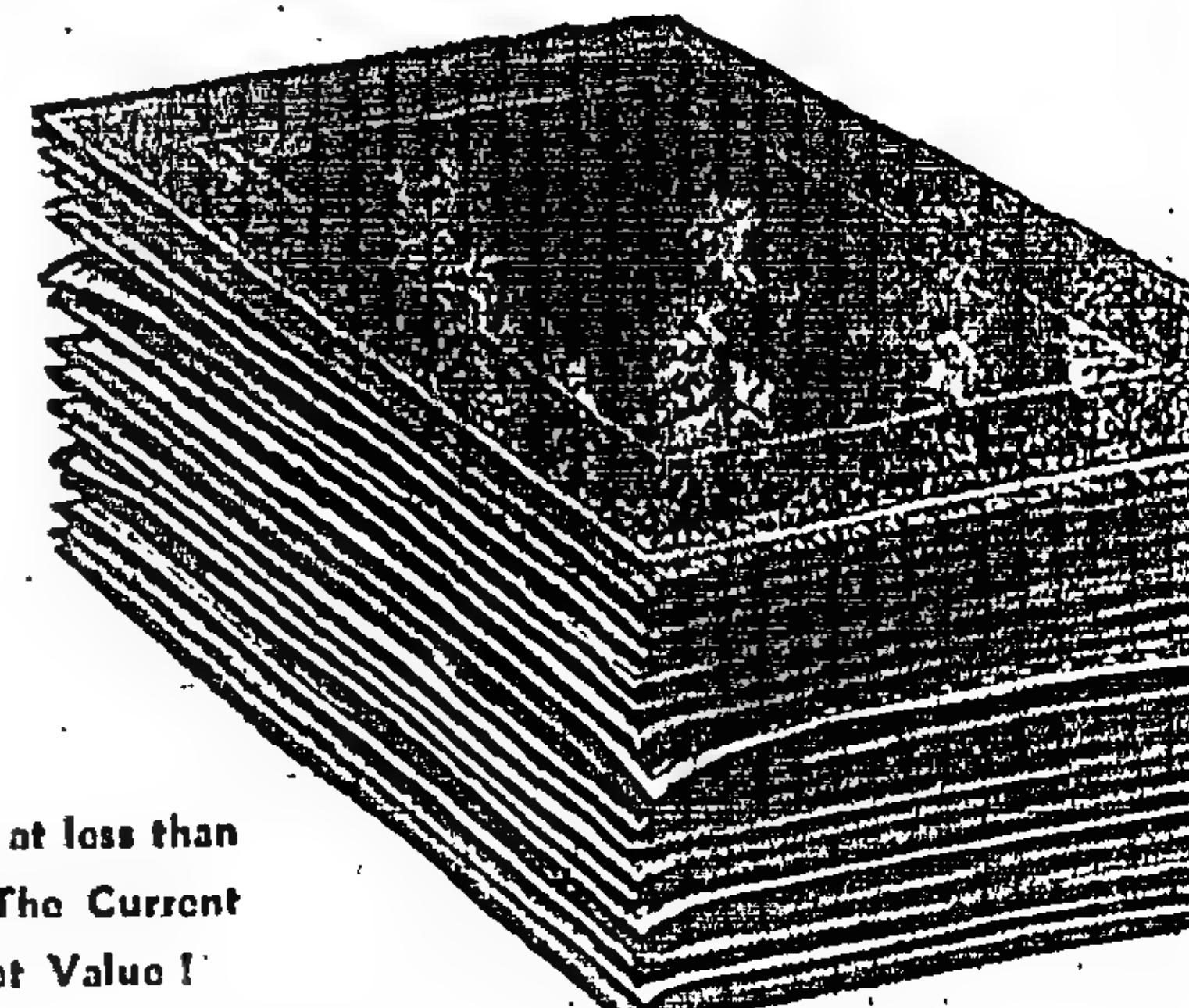
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I feel sure that residents who appreciate the beauty of Hongkong must view with profound concern the work of organized gangs who are denuding the hillsides of trees.

Thousands of pine trees have been cut down in the New Territories, and there are vast areas, where but a few years ago trees were flourishing, which now present a pitiful vista of stumps.

If this ravaging is to be stopped, and surely it can, severe penalties must be imposed upon those who are engaged in the trade.

Furthermore, the number of forestry guards must be increased, and daily raids made. I suggest that no person should be permitted to carry firewood without a written permit, and that firewood merchants who encourage the despoilers by purchasing their wood should be dealt with severely as receivers of stolen property.

Unless drastic steps are taken at once, the damage done to the Colony's hillsides will take many years to repair, and the health of the community will suffer in consequence.

To come across a tree-cutter at work a few years ago was unusual, and a warning shout was enough to send him scurrying away. To-day, these people are to be seen working in small gangs, and if spoken to, show a brazen disregard to any protest made.

The problem must be tackled immediately and sternly. To fine a few of the culprits is not enough. A sound thrashing when caught in the act would prove a better deterrent.

Old Resident.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Jan. 7.	Jan. 10.
Paris	147.11/32	147.33/64
Geneva	21.50 1/4	21.60 1/4
Berlin	12.41	12.40 1/2
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	95 1/2	95 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Oslo	19.00	19.00
Helsingfors	22.04	22.04
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	5.00 1/2	5.00 9/32
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.00	8.07 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	100	100
Bombay	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
Montreal	5.00 1/2	5.00 7/8
Brussels	29.45 1/2	29.45
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	216	216
Montevideo	25 1/2	25 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	2.17/32	2.17/32
Silver (Spot)	10 1/2	10 1/2
Silver (Forward)	10 1/2	10 1/2
War Loan	102	102

—British Wireless.

Two Europeans were this morning fined by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy for breach of traffic regulations. Mr. E. Landau of Wanchai Gap Road, was fined \$5 for parking his car for five hours in Theatre Lane, near Queen's Road Central, on the evening of December 27. H. Graye was fined \$2 for allowing his car to cause an obstruction in Ice House Street on December 30.

BARGAINS GALORE

AT

GORDON'S SHOE SALE

TRIED TO SNATCH BABY'S BANGLE

Six months' hard labour was imposed on Chung Hui, 21, unemployed, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was charged with stealing a jade bangle, valued at \$2, from an infant.

Inspector Kirby stated that the complainant, Tsang Ng-mul, spinster, was carrying her sister's child on her back while walking along Possession Street. She felt a tug, and on turning saw defendant taking the bangle off the child's arm. She got hold of his hand and a struggle ensued. Defendant managed to break loose, but a Chinese musician, after a short chase caught hold of the defendant, and handed him over to a Chinese constable.

Defendant was recommended for banishment.

STOLE PORK FROM DAIRY FARM

Chung Nam, 25, dispatch coolie employed by the Dairy Farm Co., was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with stealing pork.

Inspector Fender said that Mr. C. J. Grover saw the defendant behaving in a suspicious manner yesterday afternoon, and kept a close watch. Later the defendant tried to bend, but was unable to do so, and the pork was found concealed in his girdle. A fine of \$6, in default three weeks' imprisonment, was inflicted.

EXCHANGE OF NEWS

London, Jan. 11.
A co-operative plan between the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Argentine Propaganda Department has been reached, whereby news as broadcast by each of these agencies will be published by the other country's press.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE

Selling	Buying
T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	104 1/4
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	109 1/2
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	30
T.T. Manila	61 1/2
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/4
T.T. Saigon	91
T.T. France	9.12 1/2
T.T. Germany	16 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	13 1/4
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	31 1/2
4 m/s France	9.05
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	5.00 1/4

Mr. E. Filmore, of Nathan Road, has reported to the police that some person tried to enter his residence by boring a hole in the panel of the back door yesterday.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the two lectures to have been given by Mr. J. B. Montagu at the Union Assembly Room (University of Hongkong) on Saturday, January 15th and Thursday the 20th are cancelled.

Miss M. A. Mennell of the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, was reported to the police that while walking along Bowen Road yesterday at noon, an unknown Chinese came from behind and snatched her handbag and a parcel. In the handbag was a money order for £3 and papers. The bag was recovered.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest fined a shop fitter, Wan Chi, \$10 at the Central Magistracy this morning, for cruelty to eight geese. The geese, said Sergeant J. Shephard, were tied in pairs and were placed in a small bus-park, four on top and four on the bottom.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Lam Tin-yau, teacher of the Pui Ying School (Branch) Kowloon, residing at 31 Bonham Road, to Miss Kam Lai-kwong, teacher of the Ying Wah Girls' School, residing at 34 High Street.

GREAT LOYALIST VICTORY

TERUEL NOW MADE ENTIRELY SAFE

Teruel, Jan. 10.
Loyalist artillery batteries went into action to-day after which Government infantry captured Lamuela Hill, dominating Teruel.
This action is described as being "more important and more heroic than the capture of Teruel." It has removed the Insurgents' threat to the Loyalists' communications, since it dominates the four roads into the city from north, east, south and west.—United Press.

CHIEFLY CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL ORDER, HULL ASSERTS

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In August 1936 compared with 10,570 in July 1937. Approximately 6,000 were at present listed in the armed forces, including 528 marines, 194 soldiers in Tientsin, and 2,555 marines in Shanghai. In the navy there were about 129 officers and 1,671 men, including marines. Thirteen ships were in China waters, with Manila as their base.

Mr. Hull said that the capital invested in China was shown to be approximately \$340,000,000, not counting \$25,000,000 in Chinese obligations; \$25,000,000 in properties of Americans residing in China and about \$40,000,000 in missionaries' and similar properties.

PRIMARY PURPOSE

The reply emphasised that the presence of United States forces in China was the result of a policy and development which dated back to the Boxer Protocol, and was no change from the nation's policy of "American armed forces in China for the protection of American nationals, primarily against mobs and other uncontrollable elements."

"We have no mission of aggression," continues the statement, "and it has been the desire and intention of the Government to remove its forces when the performance of their function of protection was no longer called for. Such remains the Government's desire and expectation."

The statement added that the recent fighting had interrupted the plan for removal.—United Press.

FEAR PLANE DESTROYED; NINE DEAD

Butte, Montana, Jan. 10.
The North-west Airlines reported to-day that its plane was overdue from Butte at Billings, with eight passengers, all of them men.

Meanwhile, Fred Jacobs, a farmer, reported seeing a plane "plunge into the hills."

It is feared the machine may have crashed in the heavily timbered Bridger Mountains.—United Press.

ONLY EIGHT DEAD

Bozeman, Montana, Jan. 10.
Homer White, a farmer, reports that the missing plane from Butte crashed into a forest clearing 15 miles north of here, narrowly missing a wood-cutter, bursting into flames and killing the pilot, Nick Mamer, his co-pilot, and six passengers.

The plane was a modern Lockheed Zephyr with capacity of ten passengers.—United Press.

OUTER MONGOLIA TO BE PART OF WAR ZONE

Will Join China Proper

Hankow, Jan. 11.
The Siao Tang Pao, official organ of the Chinese army states that the Chinese Government has made Outer Mongolia a regular war zone under the same system as the other war zones in China proper.

The Chairman of the Outer Mongolian Government has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Outer Mongolian war zone, with a certain General Yang as Vice-Commander.

The Siao Tang Pao is insistent that Outer Mongolia will participate in the war as soon as it is made part of China proper.—United Press.

BELGIAN LEAPS OFF STEAMSHIP

A Belgian mining engineer, M. Van den Edele Aloys, 43, leaped to his death from the French liner D'Artagnan as the ship was nearing Hongkong yesterday.

The vessel immediately halted and a boat was lowered. But M. Aloys was dead when picked up.

Report of the tragedy was made as soon as the ship docked this morning. The Belgian Consulate-General states that the funeral of M. Aloys will take place to-morrow morning.

DESCRIBES END OF PRESIDENT HOOVER

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thinned soups, 48 fresh eggs, a few tins of salmon, 24 bottles of soda and a dozen bottles of beer. I had taken a couple of bottles of gin and a bottle of brandy in my basket.

We left Hongkong at 3 a.m., and almost immediately ran into a heavy north-east monsoon. The salvage tug is about 120 feet long, and when she stuck her nose into a wave, her decks were 3 feet deep in sea water. Tom Brayfield took no chances on being sea-sick, and remained in his bunk from the moment we left until we arrived. He subsisted on two oranges a day having had the foresight to bring a box of fresh fruit. Swan, I am sorry to say, was sick from the time we left until we arrived at Hoisho To Island.

UP AND ABOUT

I, being an excellent sailor, was up and about early on Monday and was summoned to the so-called dining saloon by the steward, who knowing nothing about foreign food, had prepared my breakfast to the best of his ability. He had opened a tin of Oxford sausages, each sausage being about the size of a small banana, and had laid three of these in a soup plate covered with caked grease as they were. He had opened a tin of vegetable soup and not knowing what to do with it he had sloshed it over the three sausages—the entire mess being absolutely cold. As I said, I have never been sea-sick, but this was almost too much. (Laughter.)

I finally made him realize that I could not eat the breakfast and by dipping a fresh egg into the tea kettle, I conveyed the idea that I wanted boiled eggs. Imagine my embarrassment when he came back with nine hard boiled eggs! I succeeded in downing a couple of the eggs and a few soda biscuits, but from then on I took charge of the cooking myself.

We had to sail up the China Coast to the Lamcock Rock, across the Formosa Channel; then down in the lee of the island to the southern point, which we rounded, and again backed the north-east monsoon until we reached Hoisho To Island.

QUITE CALM

We anchored on the south of the island, where the water was quite calm, and had to walk two and a half miles across the island to the north beach, where we found the President Hoover lying broadside on a coral shelf, which is the beach of the island. At that time she did not look to be in a bad way.

I had with me only a ratan basket, containing, as mentioned above, my gin, or, at least what was left of it, and two or three changes of underwear and shirts. Other than that, my entire wardrobe was on my back.

One of the life boats was in communication by a hand-line between the ship and the shore, with the result that the ship's crew had to wade into the surf nearly to our armpits in order to be hoisted into the life boats. The surf and the beach were covered with a thick coating of fuel oil, which was caused by the ship's fuel oil tanks having been damaged by the pounding of the ship on the beach, with the result that thousands of barrels of fuel oil. Incidentally the headman of the village sent us a bill for 500 yen for polluting the fishing ground.

Having ferried through the surf to the ship's side, we then had to climb a Jacob ladder to the deck. The ladder covered with fuel oil, and by the time we finally got aboard the steamer, my clothes were saturated with fuel oil and sea water.

Having nothing into which I could change, I removed my clothes in order to soak them in kerosene to remove the fuel oil. I dropped myself in one of the ship's blankets. I imagine I looked somewhat like an American Indian.

Having conferred with the Surveyors, the Captain and the ship's Officers, and having started salvage operations going, I felt that a good start had been made.

CALLED BY POLICE

The following morning, Brayfield, Swan and I were requested by the Japanese Authorities to report to the Police on shore. That necessitated our getting into our reasonably clean and dry clothes, climbing down the oily Jacob ladder, taking another trip through the surf in a lifeboat, wading ashore in sea water and fuel oil to our armpits, walking the two and a half miles across the island, sitting for over an hour endeavouring to induce the Japanese Police Officer, who spoke no English, that my Passport which had expired a year ago was still valid; then, in our wet clothes walking back, wading through the surf, transferring to the steamer and again climbing the Jacob ladder. Needless to say there was not a great deal of business accomplished by us on that day.

Preparations were going forward nicely for salvage work on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In fact, on Saturday we succeeded in having a large portion of the ship's mail and a good deal of the passengers' baggage removed from the ship to shore.

On Saturday night, at about midnight, a terrific gale from the north-east blew up and from 12.30 a.m. there was no further sleep. At 4 a.m. the engine room floor plating had raised three feet, the fuel oil and steam lines had burst, and it was necessary to give up the Engine Room. By 4.30 a.m. the engine room was flooded and the only lighting we had on the ship was from the emergency unit.

POUNDING HEAVILY

At about that time the portholes in the main dining saloon on the off-shore side began giving way, as the steamer was pounding terribly. The crew, wading about to their waists in sea-water in the main dining saloon, worked heroically in putting up iron backers against the portholes.

Kwangsi Pilots Defeat Japan Airmen

Japanese Raiders Continue Active

Nanning, Jan. 11.
Fresh from school, several young Kwangsi pilots showed their ability as airmen on January 8 when they shot down three Japanese pursuit planes and one Japanese bomber during fights over Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi. It is officially announced.

One Chinese plane was also damaged, it was revealed. The pilots who engaged the Japanese are all new graduates from the Kwangsi Aviation School, having no experience in actual air combats, and the planes which they piloted are old and hardly fit for fighting. However, despite these disadvantages, they successfully out-manoeuvred the Japanese airmen during two successive raids on the city.—Central News.

JAPANESE RAID HSUCHOW

Hsichow, Jan. 11.
Six Japanese light bombers which came from outside the Lienyun Harbour raided Hsichow at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The raiders dropped 49 bombs in the north-eastern suburbs. Chinese anti-aircraft guns fired at them.—Central News.

HWEICHOW VISITED

Tunchi, Anhwei, Jan. 11.
Hweichow, scenic town in south Anhwei, was visited by Japanese bombing planes yesterday. Three bombs were dropped on the city.—Central News.

where the glass had been stove in. Feeling that I would be more of a hindrance than assistance, I sat on the main stairway and watched the performance from a reserved seat, while Captain Yardley stood in the middle of the dining saloon and superintended the operations.

As soon as the dining saloon was fairly well secured, the portholes on the deck above began breaking in. The waves were so high and the force was such that the portholes in the Suites and the Cabins on that deck on the offshore side were soon practically all stove in.

By daylight we found that the ship had broken her back, just between the two funnels.

It was decided that all unnecessary personnel should be sent ashore, and as I am not an active seafaring man, I was ordered ashore by the Captain, along with the Stewards and other unnecessary. That necessitated another trip down the Jacob ladder and ashore in the lifeboat. The lifeboat was knee deep in fuel oil.

After getting ashore I arranged with the local authorities for accommodation for the crew, and I was taken into the home of the village gentleman, who is a very fine Japanese gentleman, gave up his house to the Salvage Master, the Surveyors and myself but I cannot say that I greatly enjoyed sleeping on the floor.

I enjoyed some very good Japanese food there.

RIGGED CABLES

The salvage people, regardless of the storm, had rigged aerial cables from the ship to the shore and were very soon sending sling loads of mail and baggage to the shore. We arranged to construct temporary godowns for the safe-keeping of these goods.

The seas continued to pound in from the north-east, and I am not exaggerating a particle when I say that, from the shore, we could watch the oil laden spray, consisting of tons of water, being cast over the ship's funnels and the ship's masts. There would be one solid fountain of spray from the bow of the ship to her stern, and as this spray would blow across the ship to the shore, we could at times hardly see the Hoover at all, although she was only two or three hundred yards away from us.

Finally, arrangements were made to send the President Grant to Hoisho To Island to pick up the mail and the crew.

There being no further business for me there, I arranged to return to Hongkong with the salvage tug Yusho Maru. We left Hoisho To Island at noon on December 22, and arrived here on the morning of December 24. I landed here with a two weeks' growth of beard, and in the same clothes with which I had started (the clothes having been saturated time and again with sea water and fuel oil and rinsed out in kerosene) so you can have some idea of what I looked like when I walked into the Peninsula Hotel.

All told, this visit to the s.s. President Hoover was an unusual experience for a person of my age, weight and lazy habits; however, I shall never have to go through a similar experience again.

Just to show you how inaccessible Hoisho To Island is although it is only 450 miles from Hongkong, I may mention that Tom Brayfield left there on January 1 for Hongkong. He stayed 17 miles by motor fishing boat to Tolo on the east coast of Formosa at the southern end; by motor car, bus and train to Keelung where, having just missed the weekly boat to this Colony, he had to go by eventually take boat to Hongkong.

The speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Rotarian Kinsey who said the President Hoover was familiar to most people in Hongkong, and they regretted the accident that had overtaken it.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Foochow	Kaying	January 11.
Straits and Hollow	Malacca	January 12.
Straits	Van Heutsz	January 11.
Amoy	Chengtu	January 12.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways direct service"—San Francisco date, 20th December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	January 12.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle, 18th December, 1937).	Pres. Jackson	January 12.
Java and Manila	Tjilatjap	January 12.
Straits	Achilles	January 13.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (Vancouver B.C., 25th December, 1937).	Emp. of Japan	January 13.
Amoy	Sirdhana	January 13.
Java	Tjilatjap	January 13.
Japan	Yasukuni Maru	January 13.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Bangkok	Hermood	Tues., Jan. 11, 4.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, *South American	Rakuyo Maru	Tues., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Ports and *EUROPE via Siberia		

Wednesday

Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kong-	Fook On	Wed., Jan. 12, 9 a.m.
Tientsin	Fooshing	Wed., Jan. 12, 6.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and	Eurasia Plane	Wed., Jan. 12, 3 a.m.
Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
"the Eurasia Airways Service"	Reg.	Jan. 12, 3 a.m.
(To further points by surface	Ord.	Jan. 12, 9.50 a.m.
transport as Services permit.		
Swatow, *Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Wed., Jan. 12, 3 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Wed., Jan. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Suiyang	Wed., Jan. 12, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinau	Wed., Jan. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Pjnegara	Wed., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Hono-	Pan American	
lulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan-	Airways Plane	Wed., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
American Airways Direct Service"	Kowloon P.O.	
(Due San Francisco 20th January,	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
1938.)	Ord.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 6 a.m.

Thursday

Manila	Emp. of Japan	Thurs., Jan. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 2nd February and *Europe via Siberia.	Parcels, Reg.	Thurs., Jan. 13, 4.45 p.m.
Sandakan	Tai Suen Hong	Thurs., Jan. 13, 9.30 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya	Tjilatjap	Thurs., Jan. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 24th January.	Parcels, Reg.	Thurs., Jan. 13, 4.45 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways direct service."	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
	Kowloon P.O.	Thurs., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Jan. 13, 6 a.m.
Airmail for "K.L.M. Airways Ser-vice" (Due Amsterdam 23rd January)	Yasukuni Maru	Thurs., Jan. 13, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Yasukuni Maru	Thurs., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 9th February)	Reg.	Thurs., Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.

Friday

Straits and Calcutta	Sirdhana	Fri., Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
Hoishow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Kaying	Fri., Jan. 14, 2 p.m.
Japan	Hokozaki Maru	Fri., Jan. 14, 3.30 p.m.

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NANNING RAID PROTEST

Paris, Jan. 10. Authoritative circles have indicated that it is possible the French Government will protest to the Japanese Government regarding the bombing of the French Catholic Mission during an air raid on Nanning.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH REWARD DIVIDED

Over 100 Persons Share \$25,000.

Trenton, N.J., Jan. 10. The Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Harold Hoffman, to-day divided the State's \$25,000 reward for the capture of the Lindbergh baby's kidnapper among over 100 persons. The largest share was \$7,500, and went to Walter Lyle, former New York petrol station operator.

It was Lyle who identified the note which led to the arrest and ultimate conviction of Richard Bruno Hauptmann, who was executed for the crime.

The second largest share, \$5,000, went to William Allen, a negro truck driver, who discovered the body of the baby.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Talks About Bigger Navy

Washington, Jan. 10. President F. D. Roosevelt summoned State and Navy Department officials for a further discussion on the proposed supplementary naval building programme.

White House officials state that it will be several days before President Roosevelt sends his expected message to Congress concerning the programme.—Reuter.

Bomb Plotters Discovered

Paris, Jan. 11. A number of arrests have been made in connection with the bomb outrage of December 9 last when explosions occurred in two headquarters of employers near the Arch of Triumph in Paris resulting in the death of two policemen.

The Surete has discovered the identity of the men involved in the bombing, it is reported.—Reuter.

NOT MUCH HEADWAY

Budapest, Jan. 11. No communique was issued at the end of yesterday's talks between Austrian, Italian and Hungarian diplomats here.

The general impression seems to be that not much headway was made. It is regarded as fairly certain that neither Austria nor Hungary will leave the League of Nations to join the anti-Comintern pact, which is believed to be Italy's hope in attending the conference.

All Europe is watching developments at Budapest with concern, for it is quite possible that this meeting will be the preliminary to some new political alignment.—Reuter.

MARK SILVER JUBILEE

Congratulations will be showered upon Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Xavier, two Portuguese residents of the Colony, to-morrow on the occasion of the celebration of their Silver Jubilee.

A prominent member of the Portuguese community, Mr. Xavier has made himself a familiar figure here as managing director of the Hongkong Printing Press Ltd. and also by his many acts of benevolence. He has associated himself with the charitable works of his community, and was formerly a member of the committee of the Club de Recreio and the Liga Portuguesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Xavier intend to spend their Silver Jubilee quietly with a family gathering.

ITALIAN LABOUR FOR GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 11. A large number of Italian farm hands, probably 30,000, will be brought to Germany in order to assist German peasants, according to an agreement entered into between the two nations.

There has recently been a noticeable shortage of farm hands in Germany owing to the heavy demands of the four-year plan.

The Italian labourers will be mainly engaged in the cultivation of potatoes, sugar and beans.—Reuter.

A carpenter named Kwong Wah was this morning sent to goal for three weeks by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy for stealing a wrist watch from another carpenter. The charge was admitted.

LATEST STRATEGY EXPECTED TO REAP RICH REWARD

Hope To Lure Invaders Into The Interior

Hankow, Jan. 11.

A few weeks ago, or about four months after the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities, guerilla warfare tactics were popularly adopted by all troops in China, though they were first only employed by the former communist armies in the Shansi province. Now the general tendency is for the re-organisation of almost all the Chinese national troops and provincial troops into guerilla units.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has, repeatedly announced that China is sure of eventual victory because she is ready to engage in widespread guerilla warfare with the Japanese when the invaders have been dragged into the vast plains, river valley and mountain ranges of the interior.

Information from all fronts, at present in Shantung, Shansi, Chekiang and central Anhwei, reveals that all commanders in charge of respective fronts have been given the duty of re-organising their troops into guerilla units under the direction of the highest military command.

Admiral Shen Hung-lich, Mayor of Tsingtao, voluntarily gave up his bluejackets into guerilla units to meet the invaders in the Chuan-shen-Yishui area, south-east of Shantung. General Han Fu-chu, Shantung's Governor, is busy despatching guerilla units to disturb the Japanese rear forces even north of the Yellow River, to say nothing of the Japanese rear forces in the Yenchow and Tsinling districts.

Chinese troops defending central Anhwei, namely the Pengpu and Hefei areas have all been re-organised into guerilla units. Japanese vanguards both on the southern and northern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line are said only to control a narrow belt along the railway. Chinese guerilla troops are immediately outside the "belts" giving the Japanese troops constant harassings. In the same manner Chinese guerilla units are attacking cities near Hangchow and near Tai-yuan. The entire 29th army under

THE SHANGHAI BLUNDER

General Yeh Chien-yuan, Chief of Staff of the former Red or Eighth Route Army, commented as early as August last that in the present war China should adopt guerilla or mobile tactics instead of positional tactics. He observed that the chief reason for the collapse of the 29th army was their ignorance of mobile tactics. He advocated mobile tactics chiefly on the ground that China lacks effective heavy weapons with which to resist the Japanese bombardments. Long before the Chinese retreat from Shanghai he pointed out the inadvisability of positional tactics by the Chinese defence forces in the Shanghai sector.

In the meantime they had the remarkable fact that in northern Shansi the Eighth Route Army appeared ever victorious and furthermore were able to maintain their positions far behind the Japanese lines. As an instance, he said, the former Red guerilla troops were still maintaining their strongholds in northern Shansi. These facts serve as material examples for leading the re-organisation

SOVIET RAID ON BISHOPS

Twenty-One Arrested, Charged With Espionage

Moscow, Jan. 10. Twenty-one bishops have been arrested since the end of November, according to the Soviet press.

The most important heads of the Russian Church, including the acting Patriarch and Metropolitan Bishop, Sergei Krutskiy, and Father Vitaly, chief of the Soviet new-founded "Living Church" are denounced in the newspaper Gorki Commune, and have probably been arrested.

The charges include organising a network of espionage and terrorist circles connected with the Fascist intelligence service.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the wireless station—Pacific, Kiangchow, Durban, Maru, Shabance, Shunlien, Empress of Japan, Potsdam, Andre Lebon, President Garfield, Taiyuan, Haiyang, Shantung.

of other national troops into guerilla forces.

FOUR GOLDEN RULES

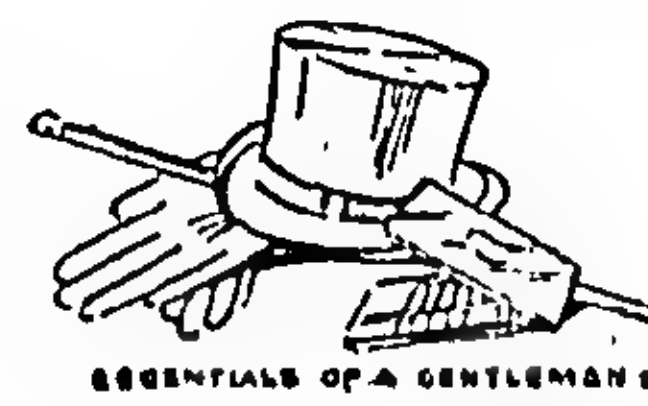
The principles of the guerilla tactics in China are very simple. Guerilla strategists state that the golden rules consist only of four points: firstly that whenever the enemy is coming to retreat, secondly whenever the enemy is stationed anywhere to harass, thirdly whenever the enemy is evasive, to attack, fourthly whenever the enemy is in retreat to drive to kill.

Besides the Government guerilla forces, there are about 20,000 guerilla volunteers drawn from civilians in the Peiping, Tientsin, and Pootung areas. Commander Yang Pao-ming of the guerilla forces around Peiping, because the first unit he commanded last August consisted only of two farmers, two workmen and one ex-serviceman, and they had only one ancient Russian hunting gun and 30 bullets. Yang Pao-ming now has thousands of men in northern Hopei constantly waylaying enemy units, seizing Japanese weapons in surprise attacks and destroying munitions, aeroplanes and tanks.

All the Chinese military authorities and the people believe that the further the Japanese troops penetrate into China the more dangerous it will be for the Japanese lines of communications and the less chance they will have of victory.—United Press.

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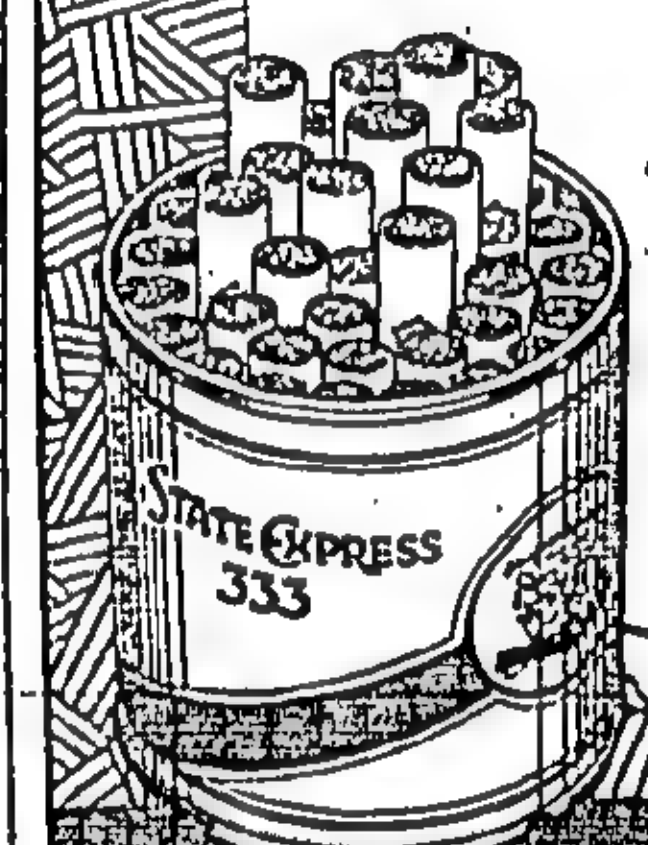


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The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,440 b.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £857 b.
Chartered Bank, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £29 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, £92 n.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$270 n.
Union Ins., \$510 n.
China Underwriters, \$150 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$235 n.

Shipping
Douglas, \$51½ b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$9 n.
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, 99¼ n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.

Docks etc.
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$114 b.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$27½ n.
Providents (old), \$2 b.
Providents (new), 20 cts. b.
New Engineering, Sh.—
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—
Kallan Mining Adm., 16/0 n.
Raubs, \$8.10 n.
Venz, Goldfield, \$5 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining
Antamok, P.—
Atoka, P. 20½ n.
Batu Gold, P. 18½ n.
Benquet Consol., P. 9.60 n.
Benquet Explor., P.—
Big Wedge, P.—
Coco Grove, P. 40 n.
Consolidated Mines, P. .011
Demonstration, P.—
E. Mindanao, P.—
Gurnam G'fields, P.—
Ipo Gold, P.—
I.K.L., P.—
Itogons, P.—
Maabate Consols., P.—
Min. Resources, P.—
Northern Min., P.—
Paracale Consol., P. .10 n.
Salacot Mining, P.—
San Mauricio, P.—
Suyoc Consol., P. .10 n.
United Paracales, P. 4½ n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$5.20 b.
H.K. Lands, 135 b.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—
Humphries, \$8.50 b.
H.K. Realities, \$4½ n.
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.
China Realities, Sh.—
China Deben, —

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways, \$13.70 L.
Peak Trams (old), \$7½ s.
Peak Trams (new), \$3¼ s.
Star Ferries, \$80 b.
Yau-mat Ferries (old), \$24½ n.
China Light (old), \$10.45 b.
China Light (new), \$7¼ b.
H.K. Electric, \$52½ b.
Macao Electric, 19¼ b.
Sandakan Lights, \$14½ s.
Telephone (old), \$28 s.
Telephone (new), \$8.35 b.
China Buses, Sh.—
Singapore Traction, 23/0 n.
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.

Industrials
Cald. Mack. (old), Sh.—
Cald. Mack. (Pref.), Sh.—
Canton Ices, \$1.70 s.
Cement, \$12.60 b.
H.K. Ropes, \$3.75 b.

Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, \$23¼ b.
Watsons \$4.70 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$8.00 n.
Sinceres, \$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.
Wm. Powell, 75 cts. n.
Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$11 n.
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. \$60 n.
Zong Sings, Sh.—
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—
Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainments, \$5½ n.
Constructions, \$1½ b.
Vibro Filling, \$8 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1913 GSBda 74% b.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 1½% prm. b.
Wallace Harpers, \$3¼ b.
Maramans Ins. (Lon.), s/- 20/- n.
Maramans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 8½ n.

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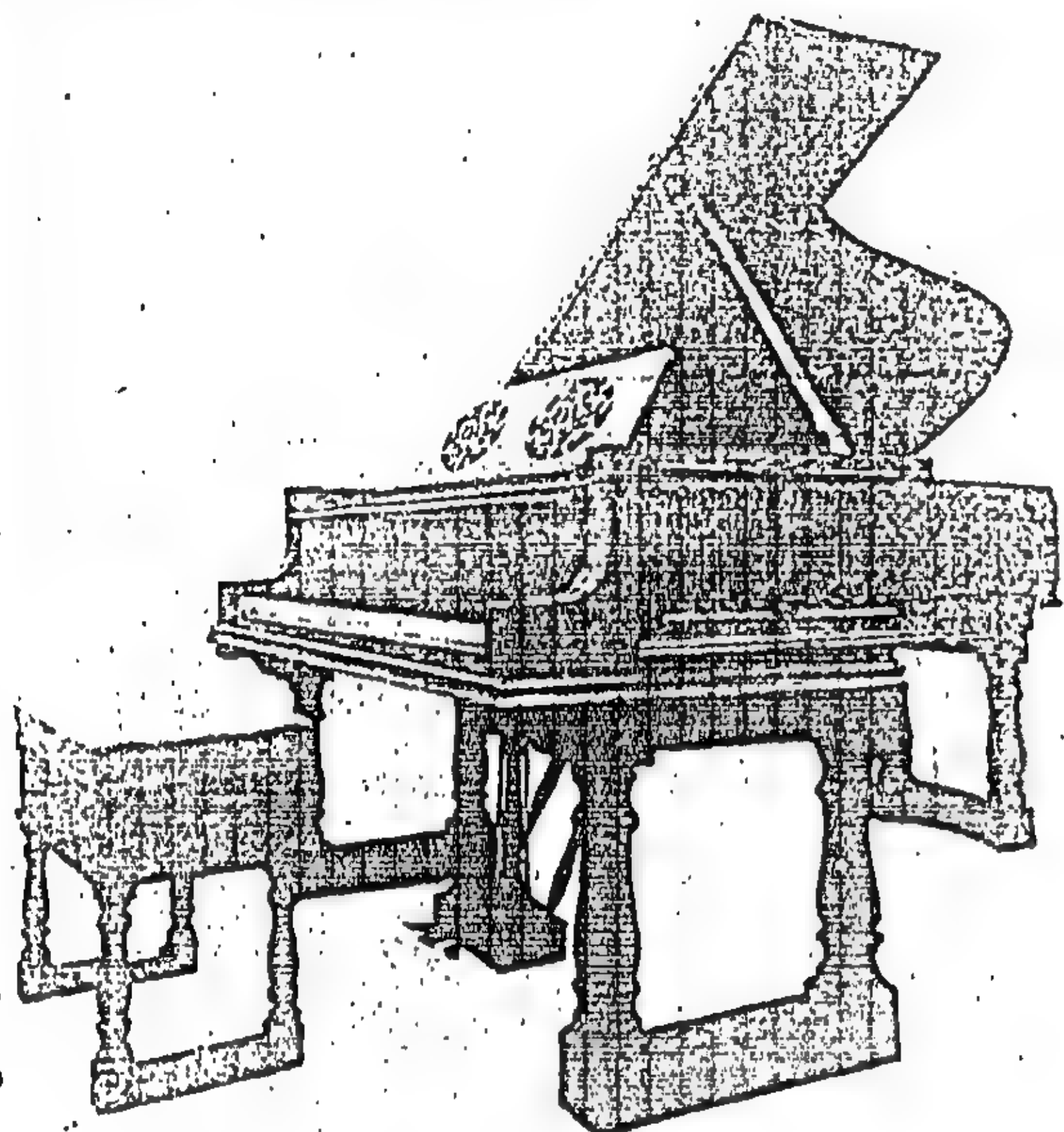
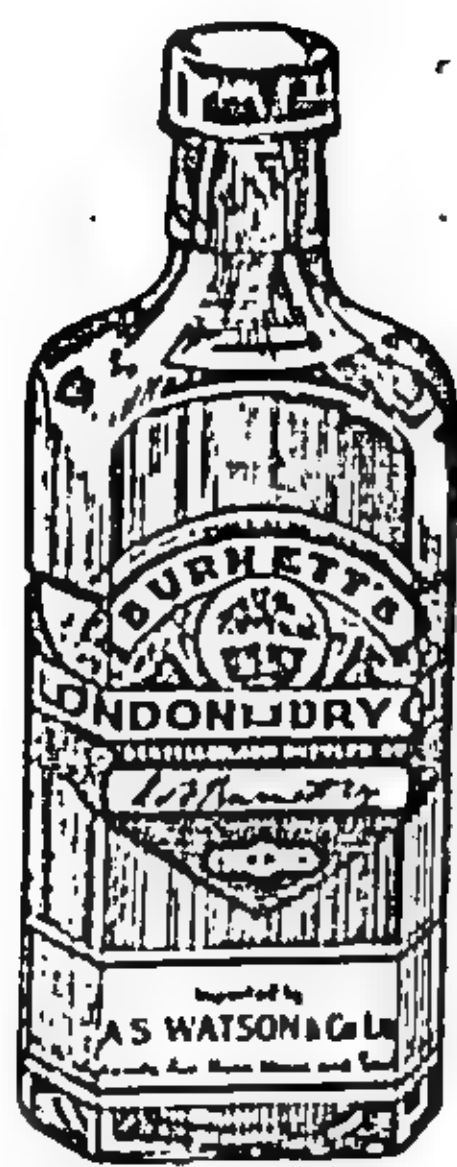
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MARRIAGE

SASSO-BERNDT. At the Roman
Catholic Cathedral, on January
10, 1938, Maurice Sasso, Bud-
apest, Hungary (member of staff,
Hongkong Hotel) to Elsie Berndt,
daughter of Mrs., and the late
Mr. Wm. Berndt.

**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1938.

WORKER, WONDERS "WHY?"

M. Paul van Zeeland, one-time
Belgian Prime Minister, and
first-class economist, has been
studying world economic ills
with a view to suggesting to res-
ponsible governments methods
for curing the complaints. This
will delight the wizards of
finance and the worshippers of
abstruse economic theories, and
will leave the humble worker
cold. While the leaders of in-
dustry, commerce and finance
lick their lips and bare their
teeth ready to rend in pieces
M. van Zeeland's cure for
economic ills, the worker will
try to go on working, pausing
only to wonder why, in this so-
called civilised world, his home
and family should be daily
threatened by war, unemploy-
ment, civil strife, loss of per-
sonal freedom, religious per-
secution, and the rest of the
depressing daily concomitants
which comprise the "Twentieth
Century Blues".

It has long been insisted that
intelligent public opinion alone
can save democracy. The con-
tribution of the intelligentsia
towards the moulding of this
opinion has been the presenta-
tion of political, social, economic
and financial theories, so in-
volved and complex that they
severed the ranks of their pro-
tagonists and left the worker
begging for a statement of faith
and action which he can com-
prehend. The world, having
built up its gigantic and be-
wildering systems, is now de-
feated by its own creeds, and
left floundering in its attempts
to discover the solution through
national cures, camouflaged in
international trappings.

It is quite possible that M.
van Zeeland's proposals, when
they are made known, will go
a very long way towards the
alleviation of existing distress.
But the more realistically-
minded will recall that the
World Economic Conference
held out just as much hope and

THESE PLANTS GO MAD



The animal world has some
strange creatures, but for
monsters take a look at the
plant world

PLANTS which "go mad" and,

sprawling in unpre-
dictable shapes, grow side by
side with members of exact-
ly the same botanic group of
which the symmetry and
colouring are unique in
nature; others imitating
stones to protect them-
selves from birds; strange
growths prolonging their
lives by feeding on them-
selves; minute vegetable
organisms developing at the
rate of less than an ounce
in 100 years—such are just
a few of the marvels of a
nursery I have seen at
Laindon, Essex.

Its owner is Mr. T. M. Endean
and, in a way, he is something
of a marvel himself.

His story, covering 50 years
of cactus and succulent plant
growing, illuminates the pro-
gress of a working-class Hack-
ney boy from crippledom and
blindness to a position unique
in the world of botany.

To-day, towards the end of a
life which has been a con-
stant fight with illness, Thomas
Endean is still, by practical
standards, a poor man, but his
greenhouse is a Mecca for botanists from every continent.
It is believed to contain the finest
general collection of cacti and
other succulents in the world.

In 1933 this working-man's
nursery was the means of re-
establishing 37 varieties of suc-
culent plants in their native
African habitat from which they
had long vanished. They were
unknown elsewhere in the world.

was a complete failure. The
W.E.C. demanded sacrifices; and
so it failed. M. van Zeeland's
suggestions will almost certainly
involve sacrifices, and if they
do they too will be doomed
to similar fate. One finds
the same story with the
disarmament conferences, and
obversely one can easily dis-
cover the reason for the suc-
cess of the Ottawa Conference.

Perhaps Mr. H. G. Wells and
his "Open Conspiracy" are
Utopian, and maybe pacifists
are cowards if judged by certain
values, but it does seem that
both have hit upon a funda-
mental demand for the creation
of a saner, happier world, when
they emphasise the need for a
restatement of man's relation-
ship with man. This restate-
ment appears to call for the
subordination of self in the
interests of the masses—in
short, sacrifices. Our present-
day systems would have no
truck with such sentiment, yet
until the nations comprehend
the vital necessity of this basic
creed, one fears that M. Paul
van Zeeland's great efforts will
have been made in vain.—S.A.G.

Any preconceived ideas one
may have about the cactus and
its botanic relatives are quickly
upset here.

Three 6-inch spines of the
echino cactus emoryi are suffi-
cient to catch a shark, and they
are actually used for that pur-
pose by South American natives,
who say that an echino hook will
hold when a steel hook would
break.

On the other hand there are
cacti with spines as soft as silk
and nearly as fine as gossamer.
Climbing over the greenhouse
staging is a plant resembling an
old-fashioned English clematis.
But it's a cactus all the same
and is the only leaved kind
known.

Another strange succulent in
the Endean collection is an
echevaria, 40 years old and 3
inches high, which in its true
form is an exact replica of a
bishop's mitre, but may just as
easily take the shape of a pile
of haricot beans—if you can
imagine haricot beans with
points on them. In this form it
is known as a refractory plant,
one which has probably "thrown
back" to the form of an ancestor.

Only rarely can the cactus and
succulent grower be sure that

the seeds of a given plant will
reproduce the characteristics of
the parent form. The new
plants may be so fantastically
different in outward appearance
that only a botanist can ascer-
tain the genus.

And what would you make of
a plant the leaves of which only
hold to the stem by suction?
Such is the crassula compuncta,
looking for all the world like a
row of buttons threaded on a
string. The "buttons" can
actually be turned round and
round on the stem. There is no
direct union, yet they continue
to grow.

There are plants which mimic
wolves' and tigers' mouths,
with canine and feline "teeth".

There is a plant, not a cactus,
which so perfectly counterfeits
that plant as to be indistinguish-
able therefrom, except by ex-
amination. This is the euphorbia,
filled with a milk-like fluid which
is deadly poison. Natives em-
ploy it on spearheads and
arrows.

Enthusiasts for cacti and suc-
culent plants divide their at-
tentions under four heads—
quaintness of form, symmetry
of form, beauty of flower, beauty
of foliage.

The loveliest flowers are
those whose life is briefest;
and how lovely and how brief
may be judged by the cereus
family, on which one single per-
fect annual bloom—with petals
like a glowing silk fringe, ap-
pears for seven hours only. At
seven in the evening it is
opened; by two in the morning
it is gone. This flower grows on
an eight-foot plant.

At the other extreme I saw
succulent plants no bigger than
peas, throwing up violet coloured
blooms, an inch across on 2-
inch stalks, and these remain in
bloom for a fortnight.

But it is in foliage that the
succulent plant is unchalleng-
ably supreme. The best speci-
mens in the Endean collection
are breath-stopping in their
perfection of pure form and
colour harmony.

Light, playing on the natural
wax coating of the plant, pro-
duces infinite gradations of
radiant metallic colour, running
alike through tall tongue-like
leaves or miniature rosettes, ac-
cording to the nature of the
plant, and changing subtly in
every inch of surface.

In this section nature takes
up the challenge of art and beats
it by a mile. I commend it to
the attention of modern interior
decorators.

To what great age will a suc-
culent grow? No one knows.
There is a plant at Laindon—
the anacampsis ustulata—
which is 3-inches high and 100
years old; and still it grows. It
weighs perhaps an ounce.

There is a echino cactus,
needing two men to lift it, 130
years old. And there is a
leuchtenbergia, one of the few
in the world, which was old
when Shakespeare died, which
may have been growing on a
South American bank in the
days of the Incas, which still
blooms . . . 500 years, Mr.
Endean moderately computes,
are compressed into the 3½-
inch height of its base, to
which each new spike thrown
up at the crown eventually adds
a layer of tissue-paper thick-
ness. Each spike—live appear-
ance—takes twenty to thirty
years to die.

"Do you wonder," asked my
pain-racked remarkable guide,
"that I have given my life to
my plants?"

Stanley Baron.

THE GAME OF YOUTH

Beauty at the Neckline

THE most interesting game all
women play to-day is the game
of youth.

There are many, however, who
are playing it in a haphazard manner
which gives them away as amateurs
who have not mastered all the rules.
A few of these they know and observe
faithfully; others they seem to re-
gard as unimportant, but they console
themselves with the thought that in
spite of their slipshod manner, they
will be regarded as quite good players.

In short, too many women are
playing this great game with their
faces only, and while a well-cared-
for and well-made-up complexion,
youthful, curling lashes, a firm con-
tour and the complete absence of
wrinkles may carry them triumph-
antly through the early rounds, the
day is not too far distant when the
major faults of their play will be
obvious, for the necks they have
given scant attention to while they
gave unremitting care to their faces,
will break the spell of illusion.

It is extraordinary, yet an un-
disputed fact that very few necks and
faces really match.

Regular Attention

A great many women never give
their necks any regular attention with
skin-food or massage, with the result
that neglected appearance. The ap-
pearance is particularly evident dur-
ing those months of the year when
furs and heavy coats are worn, but
it is wise to make a habit of applying
a bleaching pack to your neck at
regular intervals throughout the year.

These can be purchased already
made up in a tube, and twice a week
is not too often to apply, especially
so if the contrast between neck and
face is so obvious. First, open the
pores of the skin by wringing out a
small towel in hot water, and hold
this round your neck for a minute
or two, then spread the bleaching
paste on freely and leave till it sets
dry and firm. Then, rinse off with
hot water, using only upward strokes,

at the same time work in a good cold
cream, still employing the upward
movement with your finger-tips.

Frequent treatment with a suitable
oil is good for those necks which have
been badly neglected, and in con-
sequence have developed scraggy
contours. A teaspoonful of pure
olive oil added to the daily diet is
good when this can be taken. Mas-
sage with warmed almond oil is ex-
cellent treatment for a thin and
wrinkled neck. Steam the neck be-
fore commencing treatment, and work
the oil gently with firm upward
movements. Finish off by sponging
with very cold water to which the
juice of a lemon has been added.

Simple Exercises

Every woman who takes a pride
in her appearance and wants to keep
a firm and supple neckline must
devote a few minutes every day to
these simple exercises. A good one
is to throw the head backwards, then
bring it forward until the chin touches
the chest.

Another is to make the neck take
the whole strain of the movement
without any assistance from the
shoulders. Each day, look over your
shoulder a dozen times, without mov-
ing your body in any way; this must
be done slowly and deliberately.

If your neck has a crepe-like skin
you need a good tissue building oil,
and this must be massaged gently in-
to the skin, twice a day whenever pos-
sible—circular massage movements.

A few minutes every night along
with the simple head-turning exer-
cises given above, done regularly will
bring your neglected neck into a con-
dition matching the school girl com-
plexion of your well-cared-for face.

Take care to work all cream into
your skin, any that is not absorbed
must be carefully removed, for unless
your skin is allowed to breathe freely
it will inevitably take on a dull life-
less look, then all your regular exer-
cises and massage treatment will have
gone for nothing.

C. R.

Virtual Isolation Of Hongkong Predicted

JAPAN EXPECTS SOUTH CHINA INVASION

Imperial Conference Will Decide To-day

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Details of the future Japanese policy in China have not been revealed, while plans were yesterday completed for convening an Imperial conference at 2 p.m. to-day.

In Tokyo it is believed that serious matters are to be discussed. Some are convinced that the conference will deal with peace terms to be offered to China: others are certain that Japan plans to sweep South China and to capture the Canton area, virtually isolating Hongkong. There are many other surmises, but positive information is lacking.

The Imperial conference is the fifth of its kind in the history of Japan. The first two were held during the Sino-Japanese war of 1894, the third during the Russo-Japanese war, and the fourth in 1914, when Japan declared war on Germany. The conference is expected to act speedily with regard to the various problems, and to announce its decisions immediately. Meanwhile, apparently every Government department is pledged to secrecy. According to one prominent opinion the conference will decide to indulge in relentless warfare in the event of China failing completely to accept the Japanese terms, with the intention of continuing the hostilities until the Nanking faction is out of the picture and the Peiping Government recognised and supported, financially and otherwise.

The conference will be a solemn affair, at which the Emperor will preside personally.—United Press.

Peace Talks Rumour

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Peace talk rumours have been revived by the German Ambassador, Herr von Dirksen, calling on Mr. Hirota, for what is described as an important conversation.

Meanwhile, it is understood the Cabinet is contemplating the recall of Mr. Shigeru Kawano, the Japanese Ambassador from Shanghai in conformity with its policy to exterminate the anti-Japanese regime.

An Imperial conference has been convened for to-day to be attended by the Emperor for the first time during the present Emperor's reign.—Reuter.

Aim of Conference

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

The Premier, Prince Kono, obtained the Emperor's sanction for the opening of the very important Imperial conference in the presence of the Emperor at the Imperial Palace yesterday afternoon.

The conference is "designed to carry out for to-day to be attended by the Emperor for the first time during the present Emperor's reign.—Reuter.

Conference To Confirm Policy Decisions

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Following the Imperial conference to-day, the Japanese Government is likely to issue an important statement.

It is understood that the conference will take place at 2 p.m. to-day to confirm the decision reached by the emergency Cabinet meeting yesterday afternoon regarding Japan's fundamental policy vis-a-vis the China situation.

Yesterday's emergency meeting of the Cabinet re-affirmed the decision reached at yesterday's joint conference between the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters and also at the Cabinet meeting which followed the conference.

It is understood that the decision lays down that the Government pursues a vigorous policy to eradicate the anti-Japanese regime in China, unless Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his administration manifest and reconsider action with sincerity. The Imperial conference is being held at the Imperial Palace in the presence of the Emperor and attended by Prince Kanin, Chief of the

TSINGTAO OCCUPIED WITHOUT STRUGGLE

Germans Inform Japanese City Not Defended

Tsingtao, Jan. 11. When the Japanese took over Tsingtao yesterday, they were met by a German detachment comprising Herr W. Ohlwein, Herr P. Hesse and Herr F. Navert, who encountered the Japanese marines about 400 strong 15 miles from the city. They informed the Japanese that Tsingtao was not defended and escorted them to the city.

Immediately on entering the Japanese marines posted patrols, while the Japanese Consul, Mr. Otake waited on board a Japanese warship until arrangements had been completed for him to go ashore and to take up his post.

The first Japanese officer to arrive in Tsingtao was Miyamoto, resident naval officer, who chatted for half an hour in the City Government building with members of the foreign volunteers. He carried a Japanese flag and soon afterwards a motor car arrived filled with Japanese flags which were hoisted on various buildings throughout the city.—Reuter.

JAPANESE THANK FOREIGNERS

Tsingtao, Jan. 11.

Mr. A. R. Hogg, a Briton in command of the foreign volunteers, and members of his staff went to the German Club, where they found Captain Shirashi and Major Negata. They gave a toast to the Emperor of Japan.

Captain Shirashi said in Japanese: "The Japanese navy arrived here and feels much obliged to the different nations in Tsingtao for taking care of the city for the time being. We intend to negotiate with the highest Chinese authorities here."

Mr. Hogg responded suitably. Signalling the Japanese occupation of Tsingtao, a Japanese flag was hoisted over the castle-like Municipal Building at 2.30 p.m. yesterday. Many Chinese carrying Japanese flags were present when the foreign volunteers formally handed over the maintenance of peace and order to the Japanese at 4.30 p.m.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT'S SON DIES IN AIR CRASH

URUGUAY TRAGEDY

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10. Eduardo Justo, aged 27, youngest son of the President of Argentina was among seven persons killed in an air crash during a storm over Uruguay.

The rest of the dead were army officers, including the Chief of the Military and Household and the President's A.D.C. The party was returning from a meeting between the Presidents of Brazil and Argentina. The plane caught on fire after the crash.—Reuter.

DEATH ROLL NOW NINE

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10. It is now officially confirmed that all nine persons aboard the plane were killed.—United Press.

STORM BLOWS FROM CANADA

Vancouver, Jan. 10. The storm centre in Alberta and Saskatchewan has moved southward carrying snow and colder weather into the north central United States which suffered the winter's most extreme temperature during the week-end.

Wausau, Wisconsin, was 20 below zero, Iowa Falls, 10 below, Sioux City eight below, Des Moines four below, Madison, Wis., was four degrees above and Chicago, the Windy City, was 20 degrees above.

Temperatures are nearly normal in the Pacific, Atlantic and southern areas.—United Press.

SHOP-LIFTER CAUGHT

A roll of woollen cloth, valued at \$62, stolen from the Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co. by Wong Fei Wong was stopped at the entrance by the Indian watchman and the cloth was found hidden under his overcoat.

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Wong said that he came from Shanghai to look for a friend, and was unable to locate him, with no money to return to Shanghai he was forced to commit the theft.

Det. Sergeant Feely prosecuted, stated that \$18 was found in defendant's possession. A fine of \$25, with the alternative of a month's imprisonment was imposed.

HONGKONG MAY BE MENACED

German Newspaper Says Britain Armed Too Late

Berlin, Jan. 11.

The Japanese occupation of Tsingtao has made a deep impression in Berlin, particularly in view of the fact that the seaport was once a German colonial possession.

Political circles are wondering whether this occupation will be a prelude to re-reading and decisive activity of the Japanese fleet, which may involve a menace to Hongkong.

The newspaper Angriff says: "Will the British watch with folded arms the loss of the tremendously important regions around Hongkong? That is the most critical question in international politics to-day."

"Great Britain's armament came too late. America's has come still later," this newspaper asserts.—Reuter.

NO COMMENT IN U.S.

Washington, Jan. 10.

The State Department does not comment on the occupation of Tsingtao by the Japanese except to observe that Americans in Shanghai in recent weeks have been urged frequently to evacuate the city.

However, unofficially, the opinion is prevailing that Japan faces a long struggle in China if China attempts to hold out.

The critical Evening Star in an editorial says: "China is plainly set for a long haul, to which she has been persuaded despite the sacrifices and suffering it entails. Sooner or later it will bring her triumph. Her fortitude commands world admiration."

The paper adds that Japan herself realises and anticipates a grinding task ahead of the army, as indicated by Prince Kono's plans for a four-year campaign in China.—United Press.

700,000 To Boycott Japan Goods

Important Decision By London Body

London, Jan. 10. In connection with the London Co-operative Society's decision to boycott Japanese goods, it is pointed out that the Society's buyers had previously instructed not to purchase Japanese goods when alternatives were available.

The new decision rules out all Japanese purchases except those specifically authorised by the managing committee of the Society.

The London Co-operative Society, representing 700,000 members decided to cease purchasing Japanese goods as a result of representations from many quarters. It also draws attention to the fact that the Co-operative Wholesale Society, representing 1,000,000 members, is being asked to take similar action.

"We are distressed at the indiscriminate bombings of Chinese women and children, and have addressed Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Cranborne and Geneva, voicing our indignation," says the notice.—Reuter.

TRADE UNIONS UNDECIDED

London, Jan. 11.

The meeting of the leaders of the Trade Union Congress reached no definite decision regarding the question of an official embargo on Japanese goods, but it was decided to refer the attitude and views of the Labour Movement to Continental Labour and trade union leaders at a meeting in Brussels on January 15. This is a joint international meeting.

It depends that everything will depend upon the attitude of the Continental labourers.—Reuter.

Fresh Weather To Continue

Weather Outlook: Fresh northerly winds, and generally fine. Rough weather along the coast from Shanghai to Singapore.

Only seven degrees separated the maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended 10 a.m. to-day.

The minimum of 50 degrees recorded in the early hours of this morning was four degrees higher than the minimum recorded yesterday. Humidity, as well as temperature, is also slightly higher, although it is still more than 20 per cent. lower than the humidity recorded last week.

No rainfall has been recorded in Hongkong since January 5.

RADIO BROADCAST

'London Pride' and Other Relays from London

ROTARY SPEECH

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on Frequencies of 845 k.c.s. 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.
7.00 Dance Music.
7.05 Fox-Trots—Let's Put Our Heads Together (Film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); With Plenty of Money and You (Film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Sweet Lullaby (from 'Walkie Wedding'); The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down; Billy Cotton and His Band; I Saw a Ship A-Sailing; Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

7.15 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.20 London Relay—'All Kinds of People'—1.

'My Memories of the Tsar Nicholas II at his Coronation' A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton.

7.35 Variety.

Vocal—Look Up and Laugh—Medley; Film Waltz Songs—Medley; Grand Fields with Organ Accompaniment; Vocal and Instrumental—Blaze Away (Kennedy and Holzmann); Many Happy Returns of the Day (Dublin and Burke); Eddie Peabody (Vocal) playing various instruments; Comedian—You Can't Go Away Like That (Miller); Weeping Willow (Miller); Max Miller; Twenty—Blazin' The Trail (Samuels, Whitecup and Powell); Twilight on the Trail (Film 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine'); The Hill Billies.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Variety continued.

Vocal—A Place in Your Heart (Sam Coslow); The Very Thought of You (Ray Noble); Sam Coslow (Tenor); Piano-Accordion Band—Au Revoir (J. G. Gilbert); A Waltz Was Born in Vienna (Crocker and Loewe); London Piano-Accordion Band.

8.15 London Relay—'London Pride'.

A Programme in praise of London compiled from the tributes of visitors through the centuries. Devised and written by D. F. Aitken. Produced by Pascoe Thornton.

8.55 A Short Concert by Claudia Muzio (Soprano) and Casals (Cello). La Boheme—Yes, They Call Me Mimi (Puccini); Cavalleria Rusticana—Mother, you know the story (Mascagni); Claudia Muzio; Moment Musical (Schubert); Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Apres Un Reve (Faure); Chanson Villageoise (Popper—Op. 62, No. 2); Casals.

9.15 London Relay—Bob Wilton as Mr. Riddlecombe, J. P. in 'The Court of Not-So-Common, Please!'

Written by Bob Wilton on an original idea by Barry Bernard Presented by Max Kester.

9.20 London Relay—The News.

9.30 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in B Flat, Op. 60.

Felix Weingartner cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.15 Songs by Jussi Björling.

'Aida' (Verdi)—Heavenly Aida, divine Aida; 'La Boheme' (Puccini)—Your tiny hand is frozen.

10.28 Light Varieties Concert.

Orchestra—Tango Digo (Pesenti); O Cara Mia (Broadbent, arr. Packer); A. J. Pesenti and His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm in the Mood for Love (McLough, Fields); I Wish On The Moon (Raining, Parker); Lanny Ross; Orchestra—Rise And Shine—Selection... Sydney Kaye and His Pleadingly Hotel Band; Vocal—Swing (Film 'Public Nuisance No. 1'); Mc And My Dog (Film 'Public Nuisance No. 1')... Frances Day (Soprano); Orchestra—What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr. Debroy Somers) (Vocal Chorus).

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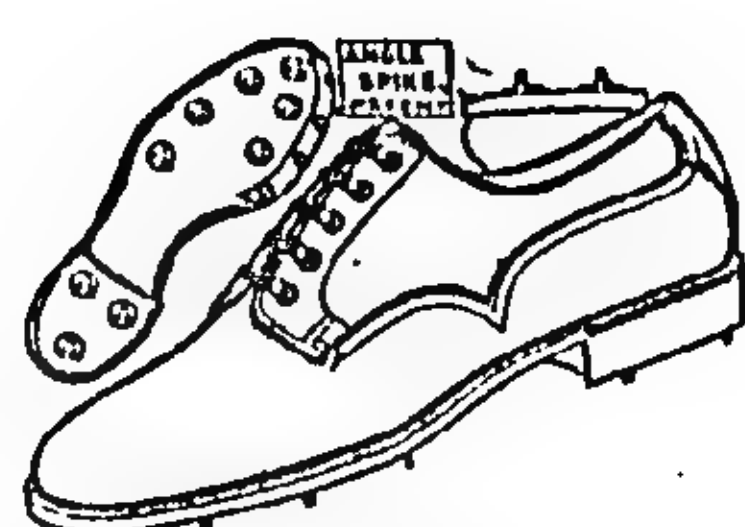
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HUNTING FIELD DEATH OF SPORTING PEER

London, Jan. 10.

The 83-year-old Marquis of Abergavenny, Lord Henry Nevill, was killed whilst out hunting to-day near Groombridge, Sussex.

He was participating in the Children's Meet at the famous Eridge Hunt, when his horse caught a foot in a strand of wire and threw the Marquis heavily on his head, breaking his neck.

The Marquis had been married three times, and he leaves no son, the title going to Major Guy Temple Montacute Lanarch-Nevill, his ne-

phew.—Reuter.

The country seat of the Abergavenny's is Eridge Castle, set in the picturesque surroundings of the Sussex village of Eridge, near Tunbridge Wells. The estate comprises 50,000 acres, and the Eridge Hunt, of which the Marquis was M.F.H., was one of the best known in the South of England.

MANY FIRST DIVISION TEAMS MEET IN F. A. CUP

WOLVES CLASH WITH ARSENAL

London, Jan. 10. Several First Division teams will be in opposition in the fourth round of the F. A. Cup, the draw of which was made to-day. The matches will be played on January 22.

Preston North End will be at home to Leicester, Brentford to Portsmouth, Charlton to Leeds, Wolves to Arsenal and Everton to Sunderland.

The only senior team to have been drawn at home to a lower division side is Huddersfield, which will meet Notts County.

The following is the result of the draw:

F. A. CUP. (Fourth Round)

Preston N.E.	v. Leicester
Scarborough	v. Grimsby
Luton	v. Swindon
Huddersfield	v. Notts County
Notts Forest	v. Middlesbrough
York	v. Portsmouth
Brentford	v. Leeds
Charlton	v. Arsenal
Wolves	v. Blackpool
Aston Villa	v. Crystal Pal. or
Sheffield U.	Liverpool
New Brighton	v. Tottenham
Everton	v. Sunderland
Bradford C. or	Sheffield
Chesham	v. Wednesday or
Bradford	Burnley
Millwall	v. Stoke
Manchester C.	v. Bury
Southend	v. Manchester
Barnsley	v. United.

—Reuter.

Racing Impossible As Business

Trainer Gives His Views

London, Dec. 10. Mr. Stanley Wootton, famous racing trainer, recently appointed a magistrate at Epsom, explained yesterday why he has decided to cut down his stable to only a few horses, down his stable to only a few horses, down his stable to only a few horses.

A few years ago he regularly had forty or fifty in training.

"I have come to the conclusion that racing as a business is impossible. The costs are enormous, even when racing on the most modest lines," he said.

"Something drastic will need to be done by those who control the sport if more and more of the smaller owners are not squeezed out."

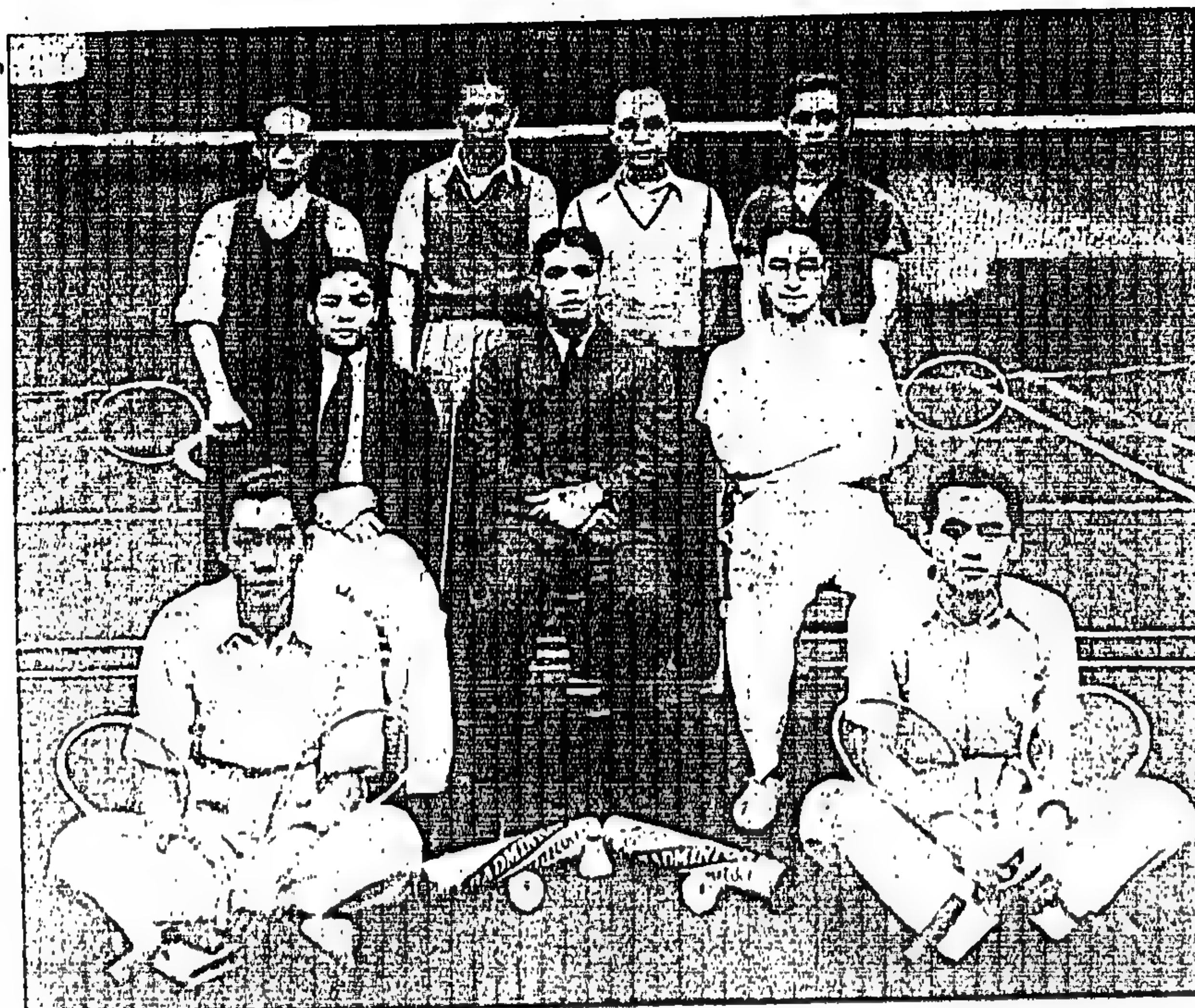
"Men like Sir Hugh Cunliffe-Owen, one of the cleverest business brains in the world, made his money out of tobacco. He treated racing as his hobby."

SEASON'S PROFIT

"So did the late Lord Dewar and Woolavington, who found themselves withal to carry on in whisky. Look around and you will find that most of our leading owners are big industrialists or have gained wealth from some source quite outside racing."

"One well-known non-betting man who headed the list of winning owners some years ago with an enormous total assured me that his profit on the season was only £2,000."

"The great majority of owners to-day could not carry on without successful betting."



Members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. badminton team, participating in the "A" Division of the League. Seated on the right in the middle row is Patrick Wong, the singles champion of the Colony. In the back row, second from the right is C. E. Ching who, with Wong, won the doubles championship.—Photo: Ming Yuen.

RECREIO "A" FORGES FURTHER AHEAD

ST. ANDREW'S BEATEN IN BADMINTON LEAGUE

Scoring a 7-2 victory over St. Andrew's last evening, the Club de Recreio "A" have assumed undisputed leadership in the "A" Division of the Men's Badminton League. They now have ten points from five matches, two points ahead of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who have played the same number of matches.

The University "A", who have won three of their four matches, were down to meet the Club de Recreio "B" last night but the latter conceded them a walk-over and the undergraduates thus remain in the running for the championship, also with eight points.

For the Club de Recreio "A" yesterday, L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva were in magnificent form. Playing well together, they made short work of the St. Andrew's pair, winning easily by 21-5, 21-9 and 21-10. They were never extended, not even by W. C. Choy and H. Kew.

As expected, M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios, one of the soundest pairs in the Colony, won their three games. They were far too well-equipped in their strokes to be in danger of going down to any of the opposing pairs.

The third string, H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros, did not fare so well as the other two combinations, losing two of their three games. They were outplayed by Choy and Kew but only lost to F. A. Broadbridge and F. V. Wong.

King's College kept within the top half of the table by beating the University "B", for whom C. H. Soon, a member of the "A" team last year, turned out. K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung were the weakest King's pair and were responsible for dropping the only two games which the side conceded.

Score: KING'S COLLEGE v. UNIVERSITY "A" 7-2.

King's College defeated University "B" 7-2. S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung (King's) beat C. E. Heng and M. S. Lim 21-0; beat C. H. Soon and A. K. Pang 21-0; beat K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung 21-0. King's College beat University "B" 7-2. S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung (King's) beat C. E. Heng and M. S. Lim 21-0; beat C. H. Soon and A. K. Pang 21-0; beat K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung 21-0.

RECREIO v. ST. ANDREW'S Club de Recreio "A" beat St. Andrew's 7-2. L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio) beat E. F. Fincher and A. S. Bliss 21-5, 21-9, 21-10.

LEAGUE TABLE	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	5	5	0	0	39	10
University "A"	5	4	1	0	38	8
Chinese "A"	5	4	1	0	31	14
King's College	5	3	2	0	22	23
University "B"	6	1	5	0	15	39
Recreio "B"	6	1	5	0	14	40
St. Andrew's	6	1	5	0	12	42

"B" DIVISION

St. Andrew's Increasing Its Lead

St. Andrew's put up a good fight against St. John's, the present leaders of the "B" Division League, when the teams met last evening but the home team were unable to avoid defeat by the odd game. Scores:

ST. JOHN'S v. ST. ANDREW'S

St. John's beat St. Andrew's 5-4 in the "B" Division. St. John's (St. John's) beat L. E. Kirby and J. P. Dawson 21-14; lost to M. Weill and F. H. Stokes 16-21; beat Broadbridge and W. Knox 21-0. P. Wilson and F. Neumann lost to Kirby and Dawson 14-21; lost to Weill and Stokes 20-22; lost to Broadbridge and Knox 12-21.

LEAGUE TABLE	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
St. John's	6	5	1	0	34	10
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	0	30	15
C.T.C.	5	3	2	0	28	17
Free Lancers	4	2	2	0	12	24
Recreio "C"	4	1	3	0	16	20
St. Andrew's	4	0	4	0	6	30

Wembley Decision Deferred

London, Dec. 14. It was expected that the Football Association would yesterday definitely decide to approve the plans which have been prepared for the enlargement of Wembley Stadium and continue to play the Cup Final and England and Scotland matches there, but details of the scheme have yet to be settled and a formal decision was deferred until the next meeting of the Council on January 10.

I understand (writes Arbitrator) that these details relate to the dates by which the alterations will be carried out. New proposals had been submitted by the Wembley authorities in regard to these, and there had not been time to consider them.

Plans for reconstruction, provide for the accommodation to be increased from 93,000 to 150,000, and it is intended to carry out the work in stages. The first will be to extend the terraces at each end of the Stadium. Afterwards the stands will be enlarged to give more seating accommodation.

The Association's contract has still seven years to run, but so urgent is the need for a bigger stadium that it is not intended to wait until this expires before starting the alterations. It is hoped that there will be room for about 40,000 more people at the matches in season 1938-39.

ARSENAL TRANSFER MILNE

Jack Milne, the Arsenal wing forward, was last month transferred to Middlesbrough at a fee of between £4,000 and £5,000.

Middlesbrough have been in search of a first-class winger for several weeks and they had watched Parker, the Portsmouth left winger, but no business was transacted.

They turned their attention to Milne, of Arsenal, and Mr. Wilfred Gillow, the Middlesbrough manager, dashed to London and secured the player's signature.

Milne was formerly with Blackburn Rovers. It is a coincidence that before he joined the Arsenal Middlesbrough made overtures for his transfer but were not successful.

Cricket Notes

UNKNOWN TALENT IN THE FLEET

Navy's Excellent Show Against Hongkong C. C.

(By "R. Abbit")

In view of the great difficulties with which the Navy were faced, I was particularly glad to see the excellent show they made against a useful team of the Club on Saturday last. I have always maintained that there is a lot of talent going about in the Fleet that does not get dug up until an emergency occurs.

With the bat I see that the two gentlemen, whom I had tipped to carry the baby, actually made 100 runs out of the 147 for eight which were upon the score-board when stumps were drawn, but if none of the others got runs on Saturday they fielded excellently and Marsh struck me as bowling quite well. Eleven overs for 31 runs and 3 wickets is by no means bad considering he got Hayward, T. E. Pearce and Haynes. As a matter of fact, just for a time things looked awfully bad for the Club but Allen hit very hard and though he only got three runs, Woodhouse (Hongkong papers please copy spelling) captured wickets for some time until things looked pretty safe. As a matter of fact he was stumped rather unfortunately as far as I could see for the ball seemed to come back from the wicket-keeper's pads. The Club actually had two more quite good batsmen to go in besides the not out Baines, but one incident undoubtedly affected the scoring in connection with the time.

Actually I am told the Club declared at 4 o'clock with 161 runs, but of these more than 20 were made very quickly in the last couple of overs after Allen had actually been bowled. It is possibly owing to the position Wymouth takes up behind the stumps that the ball very often comes back from his pads into the wicket. An incident like this happened in the Triangular Tournament of which I am speaking the wicket was broken as the ball passed it and then it was hit a second time on the rebound. In this case the Umpire did not consider this had happened though both the wicket-keeper and the square leg umpire (who of course could say nothing) were asked by the Club to have taken much longer to get those quick runs at the end with the new batsmen. Nothing slows down the scoring so much as wickets going down.

The Navy too were pretty lucky to find both their batsmen in form—I think Wymouth and Allen Pearce were put on to bowl before J. Pearce, who only sent down three overs for 10 runs and Whitmarsh's wicket. The Navy at that time were going for the runs but Hayward had not hesitated to take the risk in a much closer game a week before, and I should have thought he might have bowled him a bit more this time. However, there may be reasons of which I know nothing.

INTERESTING ARMY GAME

The game between the Army and K.C.C. was an excellent one to watch. I only arrived in time to see the Army bat, but I am told that Ernie Fincher played an excellent



Ernie Fincher
He played an excellent knock.

knock. They were however a little long in making their 104 for 9 wickets declared. For the Army, by far the most interesting innings was that of Major Rawstone who made about as many runs as the number of different ways in which his name has been spelt in the local papers. He went in at the time when it seemed almost impossible that the Army should get runs but by beautiful forcing cricket with the aid of Chiversall it looked at one time as if K.C.C. would be beaten. The feature of Rawstone's innings was his off driving in which he played a beautiful free swing and beat the ball tremendously hard without the slightest apparent effort. His two straight sixes were magnificent strokes played without much apparent effort and would have gone out of most grounds. However, when Lloyd went on the second time both he and Chiversall went in the slips within about six balls of each other and when Godby was very well caught and bowled by Robert Lee the Army had to give up all idea of getting the runs, though Cheney hit some gallant fours in the last two overs. It was a most interesting match to watch though extremely cold. The Army seem to be shaking down into a useful side and it is a great pity that the departure of the Seaford's is going to make them start all over again. It will deal with the remainder of the games in my Friday's article.

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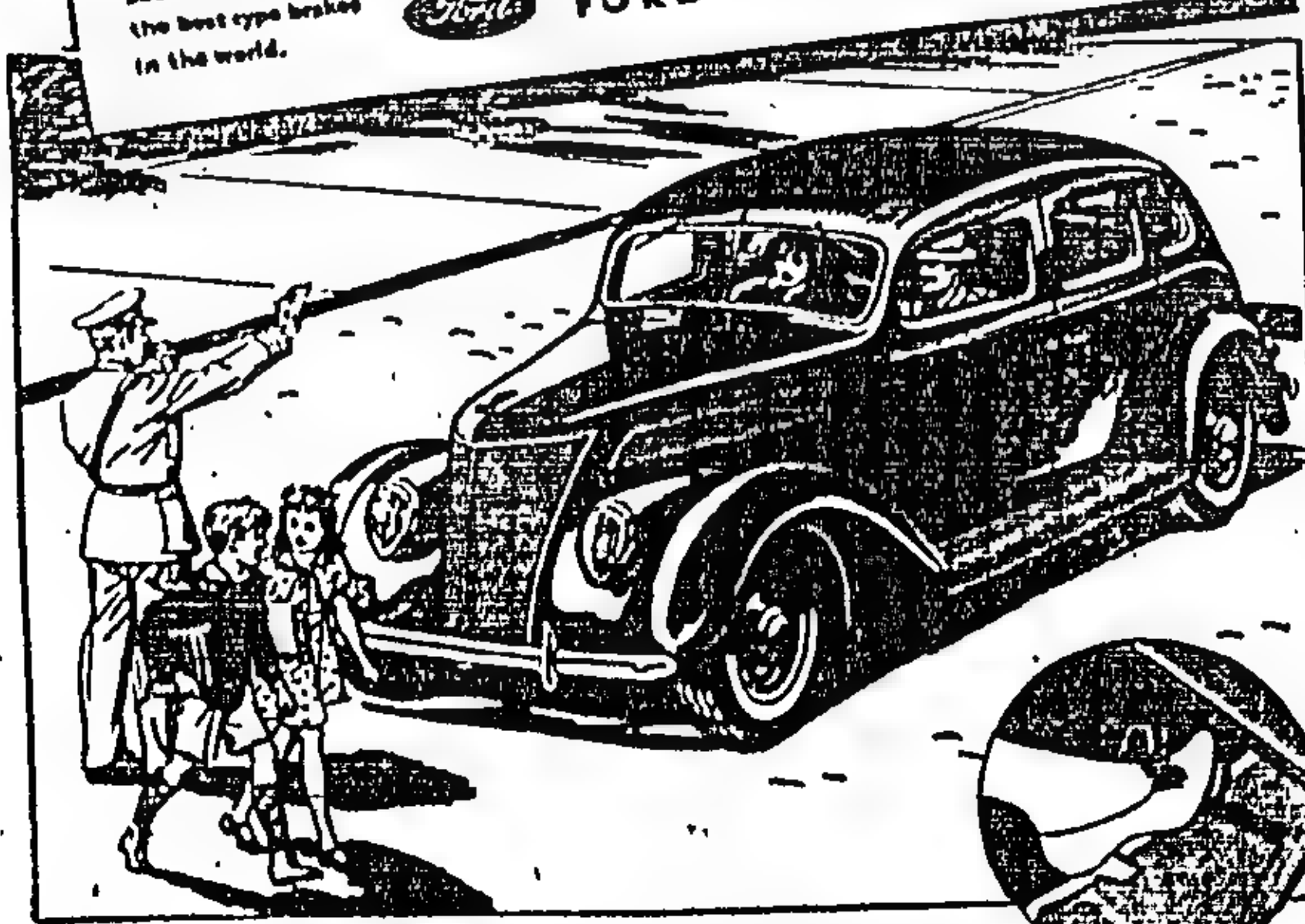
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O'REILLY TROUBLES BATSMEN

Brilliant Bowling Performance

Adelaide, Dec. 10.
A brilliant spell of bowling by W. J. O'Reilly, who took five wickets for one run, brought about a remarkable change of fortune in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day.

New South Wales lost their four wickets for 45 runs and were all out for 337. South Australia made a good start and, with the total at 145 for one, looked like making a big score. Then O'Reilly found his length and sent back five batsmen at a cost of one run. South Australia's total at the close of play was 163 for six.

After losing C. L. Badcock, who made only two, South Australia made good progress with R. S. Whittington and D. G. Bradman together for the second wicket. Both played cautiously, and so well set did they look that it seemed possible they might play out time. The reappearance of O'Reilly, however, brought disaster for the home side. Whittington was the first to go, being caught by Fingleton after scoring 54. Robinson followed and was bowled before scoring, and Bradman was the next to fall, being caught for 61. White and Walker went the way of the other batsmen, and stumps were drawn shortly afterwards.

\$1 Putter Wins Owner \$2,100

Los Angeles Golf Tournament

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.
Using a putter which he bought at a junk shop for \$1, Jimmy Thompson, with a score of 273, won \$2,100 of the \$7,500 Open Golf Tournament here to-day.

Johnny Revolta, with a score of 277, won \$1,200, while W. Lawson Little and Henry Picard tied with cards of 278 each.—United Press.



A scene in "Melody For Two," now showing at the King's Theatre, in which James Melton and Patricia Ellis are co-starred. A famous radio favourite, Melton comes to the screen for the third time.

WIRELESS OPERATOR TELLS OF FALL OF TSINGTAO

Hankow, Jan. 11.
The Japanese landing at Tsingtao has been officially confirmed by the Chinese. An heroic wireless operator at the Tsingtao radio station sent the last message from Tsingtao to Hankow, reporting "Japanese blue-jackets started landing at 10.45 a.m. If possible I will communicate again this afternoon."

Hankow tried to call Tsingtao in the afternoon, but received no answer.—United Press.

FINED FOR TAKING TOW FROM STEAMER

A total of \$130 in fines were inflicted on six Chinese boat people when they appeared before Cmdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning.

Lance Sergeant MacKenzie prosecuting, said that the defendants had their boats made fast to the Hai Lee while the ship was still under way, without the permission of the Master or Officer in charge of the vessel.

The second and sixth defendants, who had previous convictions, were fined \$40 each, the fourth defendant \$20 and the rest \$10 each.

AUSTRALIA WANTS MIGRANTS FROM NORTH EUROPE

Melbourne, Jan. 10.
A suggestion that the projected Commonwealth Migration Policy should entail encouragement of migrants from northern Europe is made by the political correspondent of the Melbourne Herald.

The paper states that the Commonwealth appreciates the difficulties of skilled workers from Britain, and adds the feeling is growing among many members of the Cabinet that migrants from Germany, Holland and Scandinavia would make admirable citizens.—Reuter Special.

FLYING SQUADRON ON NEW LAP TO AUSTRALIA

London, Jan. 10.

The flying boats of No. 204 General Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Air Force, which left Plymouth on December 2, left Singapore to-day in accordance with schedule on a further stage of a flight to Sydney, Australia, where they will take part in the New South Wales 150th anniversary celebrations on January 26.—British Wireless.

HERO OF VARSITY TUSSLE

(Continued from Page 8.)

to travel to foggy Twickenham, but the plain truth is that they were a beaten fifteen within a few minutes of the kick-off.

LICKED, HUMBLLED

They were licked and humbled and removed from Oxford's path chiefly because their well-known triangle was throttled long before it could ever get on the move.

The person principally responsible for this was Freukes, who until very recently was Oxford's full-back.

Recently he was at left-centre, and if there is justice on earth he will be hoisted on high when he returns to Oxford—hoisted and applauded because his tackling was not only deadly, but among the best ever seen at famed Twickenham.

The tactics of the Cambridge back division were so completely mechanical and orthodox that they really offered themselves as a sacrifice to the Oxford defence, but even this did not harm the game as a spectacle.

THEY DISAPPOINTED

The second half was better than the first for there were frequently movements that proved that the open game in Rugby has not become an entirely lost art.

Cambridge had infinitely the better of the tight scrums, heeling from nine out of ten, but that was the limit of their superiority. Their backs got going, only to be mowed down like chaff in a gale, and they never looked like scoring save when Bruce-Lockhart dropped his neat and smart goal.

Cambridge were a great disappointment to all and sundry, perhaps even to the King who is himself a Cambridge man, and who was present to witness the downfall of his varsity.

In every way it was a grand match, and the only slowness was contributed by the band when they played the National Anthem. On each occasion the big crowd was ahead of it by two lengths at the finish.

Prince Obolensky, the speedy Oxford wing, was scarcely seen, the ball unfortunately not running his way. The only real opportunity he had came late in the game—and he was then brought down with a Soccer trip.

Mayhew stood out as the man of the day, but close behind him were Cooke, the Oxford scrum-half, and Roden. Those who will not want to remember the Varsity match of 1937 are the Cambridge triangle.

M.C.C. COMMISSION MAKES ITS REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

By H. J. Henley

After nine months of careful study the commission "appointed by the Marylebone Cricket Club at the request of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to investigate the problems confronting the counties taking part in the First-Class County Cricket Championship" have produced their report. It is long, it is complicated, it is many-sided, and it contains no bombshells. The commissioners, W. Findlay, R. C. N. Parlairet, and R. H. Mallett, do not wave the red flag of revolution. They have approached cricket as a great game, too complex and honoured to be lightly despoiled, not as a mere recreation for the mob, which can be "jazzed" to suit the mood of an hour.

In considering their viewpoints and their recommendations it is necessary to recall the situation which led to the creation of the commission. At the end of the season of 1936, after a series of wet, bleak summers, many county clubs were in a desperate state of poverty. The wolf which had been kept at bay for so long was at the doorway at last, and it looked as if some of the committee were prepared to adopt any wilful scheme which seemed to have even a remote chance of increasing "figures." They had forgotten, as the commissioners generally do in such circumstances, that their troubles were in a big measure caused by the bad weather, which had equally affected the hire of boats on the rivers, the ice-cream trade, seaside boarding houses and hotels, and everything else which depends upon sunshine for profit. But the counties only saw that their balance-sheets were bad and a crisis approaching rapidly. So they did what they generally do in times of trouble and turned to the M.C.C. for aid.

The commissioners had many schemes brought before them, but they have carefully refrained from recommending the more drastic forms of "reform," such as allowing the visiting team to bat first instead of tossing for innings, period play, two-day matches, a longer over, and a method of promotion and relegation from teams of different divisions. Indeed, of the changes they do recommend that are more directly concerned with the manner of play as distinct from financial jugglery, two present any cause for reasonable objection. Of these, one applies to short-pitched fast bowling, commonly known as "negative length," the other to a reduction in the number of first-class counties.

In regard to "negative length," they contend that much of the dull play is caused by the bowlers rather than by the batsmen, and they suggest that a line or lines should be drawn across the wicket, beyond which bowlers would be required to pitch the ball, or be penalised in some way, presumably by being "no-balled." But here we are on very slippery ground. The spot where "negative length" meets the ground differs appreciably with the pace of the pitch and the speed of different bowlers. Are we, then, to have half a dozen lines drawn across the wicket, or is a groundman, armed with brush and bucket and whitewash, to rush forth periodically and change the position of the line? Moreover, an accurate bowler would soon learn to pitch the ball mechanically an inch or two over the line, and still be negative in effect but not in law. Consider, too, the unfortunate umpire. He cannot have eyes everywhere. There are too many snags here for comfort.

No doubt balls short of a length used persistently do slow down the scoring, although the many batsmen who now play right back to everything and regard a forward push stroke as old-fashioned, cannot be considered innocent parties. They turn into "negative" bowling de-

have eventually to sanction all proposals, but what the Advisory Committee pass it never turned down. So if the counties consider that they have not a satisfactory Championship they have only themselves to blame.

TEST MATCH PROFITS

The first part of the commissioners' report, which is devoted to finance, with especial attention paid to the manner of allotting Test match profits, will be more to the taste of financiers than to the average follower of cricket, and the question of county "gates" and the advisability or otherwise of passing on to the public the entertainment tax, is purely the concern of the club officials, who are at liberty to make their own decisions. More important from the spectators' point of view are the suggestions in regard to hours of play—the intervals, and other matters connected with the clock. The commissioners have done especially good work in stressing the evils of wasting time—surely the quickest way to irritate a crowd—and they would rearrange matters that no tea interval could be taken shortly after the interval between innings, and remove the frittering away of five minutes here or there which at present happens so wantonly. They would also cause it to be impossible for hours of play to be altered at the will of the teams on the third day, and make it a rule for the in-going batsman on all occasions to meet the out-going batsman before he enters the pavilion. Everyone who follows cricket will greet all this with hearty approval. Intervals illegally prolonged do not benefit the players, and there is no excuse for dawdling. It is a pity that a suggestion is not made to prevent refreshment from being taken out on the field between the refreshment intervals except on very exceptional occasions.

The commissioners point out that their recommendations have not yet been considered by any of the governing bodies, and no doubt before any changes are definitely made in the conduct of the game much will be whittled away and many a suggestion turned down. But if they succeed in bringing home to the counties even the importance of punctuality the commission will have been worth while. "WATCH-MAN."

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HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND—Arriving in New York to join a night club revue, Magda de Fontanges, who shot Count Charles Plinston de Chambrun at a Paris railway station last March, over her avowed romance with Premier Mussolini of Italy, was taken by Immigration authorities to Ellis Island. She is shown above as she awaited a hearing. She is under a year's suspended sentence.



HE TALKS A SECRET—Viscount Halifax, Lord President of the British Council, kept results of his recent visit to Germany a carefully guarded secret, refusing to say what chance of friendly co-operation between the two nations had developed. Above, at right, he is bid adieu by Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador, as he left Victoria Station, London, for Germany.

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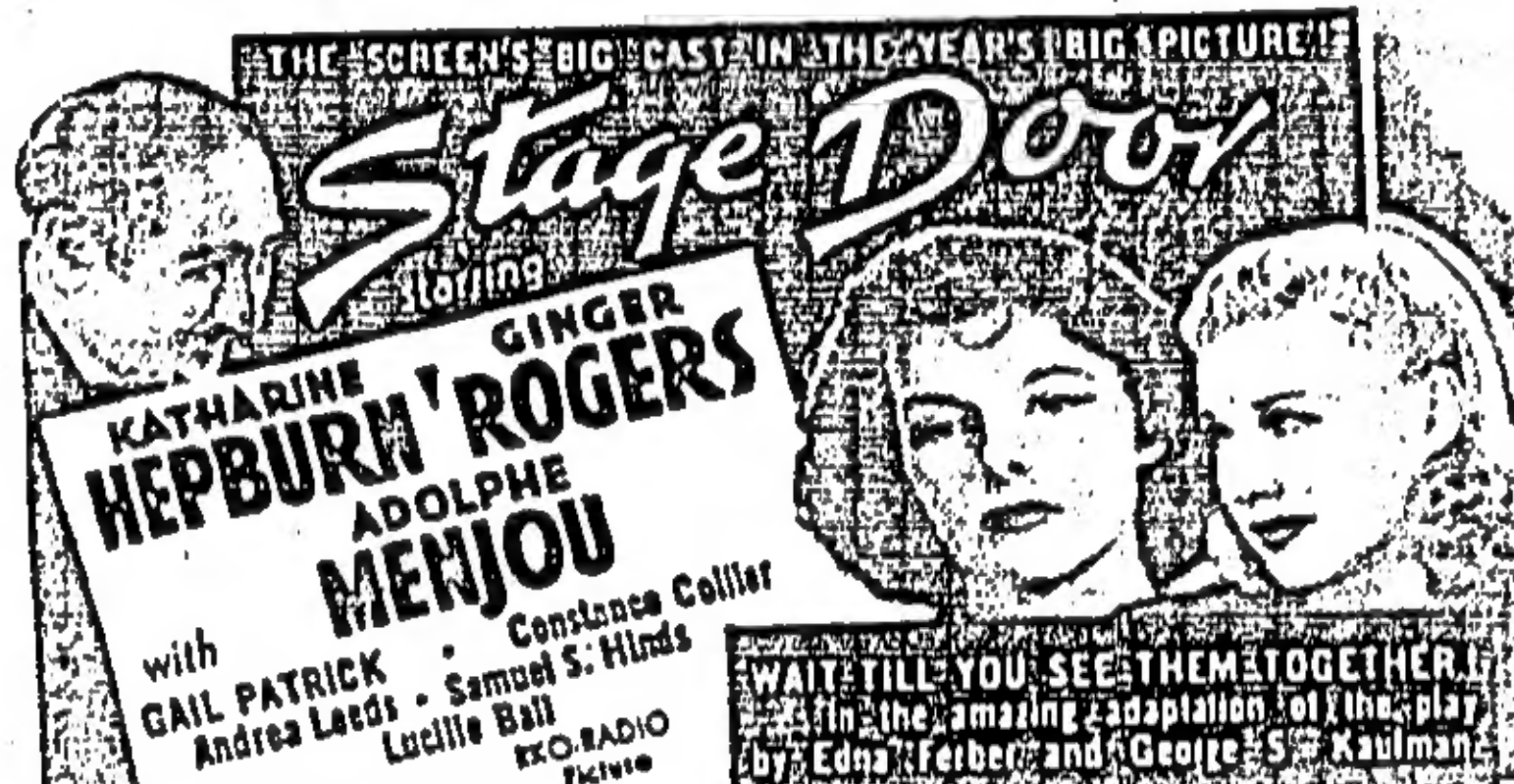
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Congress Says "No" To Referendum

Government's Hands Are Left Untied

Washington, Jan. 10. The Administration scored a victory in the House of Representatives when a vote of 209 to 188 bottled up the Ludlow Committee which proposed the war referendum, for the remainder of the session, preventing the sponsors of the amendment from emerging on the floor of the House.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Bankhead said: "I measure my words when I say that this is the greatest question submitted to Congress since I became a member more than 20 years ago."

Representative Rayburn said: "The adoption of this resolution will do more to plunge the United States into war than any action Congress has taken."—United Press.

ROOSEVELT OPPOSES

Washington, Jan. 10. A letter from President Franklin Roosevelt warning Congress that the proposed war referendum would "cripple any President in his conduct of our foreign relations" was read to-day to the House of Representatives. The letter added that such an amendment would encourage others to believe they could violate American rights with impunity.—Reuter.

SPEAKER DENOUNCES REFERENDUM

Washington, Jan. 10. The leaders of the House subsequently joined with the President in denouncing the amendment, and Representative Bankhead left the Speaker's rostrum to speak against it. He said he was not willing that his colleagues should "abandon the judgment of the farmers of our Constitution and say the people were no longer willing to trust their chosen representatives or the chief executive of the United States, who loves peace as much as any man in the world."

It is very seldom that Mr. Bankhead takes the floor to discuss legislative proposals.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

SHANGHAI RESIDENTS ASKING FOR FIRM STAND BY BRITAIN

London, Jan. 11.

Mr. A. C. Moreing, M.P., Chairman of the China Committee saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, for 20 minutes this afternoon, to whom he conveyed the representations received from British residents in China urging the Government not to yield to the various Japanese demands, and offering the opinion that with the backing of the British and American governments, the Shanghai Municipal Council was prepared to stand firm against the Japanese demands to strengthen Japanese representation on the Council.

The representations also expressed apprehension lest the Government allow temporary concessions to the Japanese.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave an interesting luncheon to-day to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador, Sir Hubert Clark Kerr, the new British Ambassador to China, and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, the former British Ambassador to China, who was wounded by Japanese machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

Must Make Distinction

London, Jan. 11. In connection with the Japanese demands for more representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council and other concessions, well-informed quarters in London feel it is necessary to make a distinction between such temporary measures as may be needed and any changes of a more general character which cannot be considered hastily, and must only be considered through normal procedure. Thus, though it may be possible the Council will go some way in meeting the Japanese desires, the measures will be temporary. It must be understood they are only temporary. In other words the Council is limited in action to the immediate concern of maintaining law and order without prejudicing the rights of the interested powers.—Reuter.

CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

London, Jan. 11. Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, who arrived in London only a few days ago, called on the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at No. 10 Downing Street to-day. He was with the Prime Minister for twenty minutes.

The new Ambassador, Sir Kerr Clark Kerr, called at No. 10 Downing Street a short time later.—Reuter.

TIME INAPPROPRIATE FOR S.M.C. CHANGES

London, Jan. 10. Questions arising out of the Japanese demands in Shanghai for an increased share in the Administration of the International Settlement are the subject of a consultation between representatives there of interested powers.

The view expressed here is that under the present circumstances in Shanghai, the atmosphere is inappropriate for considering permanent changes in this direction. On the other hand it is freely recognised that it is the duty of the Council to spare no effort to maintain peace and order within the Settlement and to suppress all forms of anti foreign activity.—British Wireless.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF MAN-HANDLING INCIDENT

London, Jan. 10. Full particulars now have been received in official quarters in London regarding assaults on certain British members of the Shanghai Municipal Police which took place on January 6, and in connection with which the British Consul General, Mr. Herbert Phillips, has addressed a letter of protest to the Japanese Consul General.

One of the victims of the assault was probationary Sergeant Turner who was on duty at the east barrier, and requested a Japanese police officer to remonstrate with sentries whom he considered were unnecessarily rough with Chinese peasants passing through. When the Japanese policeman refused, Turner left, saying he would report the matter. The Japanese constable alleged he had insulted the Japanese army and incited the soldiers to attack Turner, who, in the subsequent assault, suffered injuries necessitating hospital treatment.

Sub-Inspector Fowler, and later Inspector West arrived to try and calm the Japanese officials but were themselves assaulted, Fowler being struck in the face. They were also threatened with rifles by Japanese soldiers. Turner denied he used any offensive remarks. In his letter of protest Mr. Phillips requests that the Japanese Consul General will endeavour to arrange a strict inquiry into the incident and asks for an assurance that suitable action will be taken to avoid a repetition of such disturbances.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S EXPERTS FOR TRADE PARLEY

London, Jan. 10. Sir Ronald Lindsay and Mr. A. E. Overton, the United Kingdom delegates to the forthcoming trade negotiations with the United States, will be assisted by officers of the Board of Trade and other departments.

Mr. H. O. Chankley will be adviser to the delegation, and it is expected the discussions will be at Washington about the middle of February.—Reuter.

CHINESE SURROUND HANGCHOW

Japanese Rushing Reinforcements To Save Situation

GUERRILLA TACTICS

Shanghai, Jan. 11.

Chinese reports state that Japanese reinforcements from northern and eastern Anhwei are en route to Hangchow which is now surrounded by Chinese troops.

The Japanese army is delaying its northward advance along the Tientsin-Pukow-Huailan railways due to the Hangchow situation.

Chinese guerrilla troops have been active in the central section of the Nanking-Hangchow highway.—United Press.

GUERRILLA TROOPS' SUCCESSES

Shanghai, Jan. 11. Chinese reports state that a mobile unit of 2,000 Chinese guerrilla troops have recaptured Chihhsien and Hengshui in southern Hopei. The guerrilla fighters and regular troops made a swift attack on Taming but failed to dislodge the Japanese.

It is reported that the majority of Japanese troops at Peking in Hopei, Yehuen in Chahar and Kwangtung in Shansi have been sent to Shanghai to aid the southward Japanese drive. On Sunday reinforced Chinese troops in Shanghai repulsed a Japanese attack and drove back the invaders for ten miles after 20 hours of sanguinary fighting.

Chinese guerrilla troops are impeding the Japanese advance northward from Chihhsien and Luho.—United Press.

AWAITING ORDERS

Shanghai, Jan. 11. A Japanese military spokesman said that all fronts were quiet with the Japanese troops ready for the next operations "when necessary arises." It is believed the troops are waiting for the decision of the imperial conference at Tokyo.—United Press.

CHINESE GAINS IN SHANTUNG

Hsuechow, Jan. 11. After defeating the Japanese troops which attacked Taining, the Chinese forces on the left flank of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung are reported to be pushing vigorously toward Yenchow and Ningyang in a counter-offensive. Simultaneously the Chinese units on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, assisted by fresh reinforcements, are advancing on Tsohsien and Yenchow.

Chinese military observers place high hopes in these two Chinese columns composed of crack troops. They have a good chance of halting the Japanese advance in Shantung. Military advisers just received here state that Enhsien were both recaptured by the Chinese mobile units operating in that area.—Central News.

BRITON MURDERED BY ARABS

Dastardly Outrage Near Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, Jan. 10. Mr. J. L. Starkey, British archaeologist, visiting Palestine, was killed in a highway hold-up near Hebron to-day.

Mr. Starkey, at the head of a field expedition, was sent out by the Wellcome Research Institution, and he had been excavating at Lachish, near Hebron.

It is learned that Mr. Starkey, accompanied by two Arab assistants, was travelling in a car to Jerusalem from Lachish, when an armed gang of Arabs, who ordered the Englishman to alight, compelled him to march ahead. They then shot him twice, but his Arab assistants were spared.—Reuter Special.

Loss of an overcoat, valued at \$45, at the dressing-room of the U.S.I.C. has been reported to the police by Lt. Hawkins, R. E.

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